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PREFACE.



The compiler has endeavored to gather into this small volume a large variety of short, sharp, clean-cut Bible Studies, rather than a less number of heavy and more comprehensive outlines.

The selections cover a large range of subjects, and give diversity of arrangement, rather than exhaustive treatment. Material has been contributed by prominent workers from all over our country and across the sea, and is as fresh and new a collection as is possible for one to secure. These "outlines" will be useful in private study of the word, as well as in the preparation of material for public work, and, we believe, will be found especially helpful to those who are called to prepare themselves to conduct meetings on short notice.

It is our earnest prayer that this compilation may be an inspiration and help to many of the Lord's servants.

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HUMANITY OF CHRIST.

A Child.—Isa. 9: 6
A Son.—Matt. 1: 21.
Grew.—Luke, 2: 40.
Wept.—John, 11: 35.
Hungered.—Matt., 21: 17-18.
Wearied.—John, 4: 6-7.
Slept.—Mark, 4: 35-38.
A Carpenter.—Mark, 6: 3.
At a Marriage.—John, 2: 1.
Prayed.—Mark 1: 35.
Was Baptized.—Luke, 3: 21.
Tempted.—Luke, 4: 2.
Smitten.—Isaiah 53: 4.
In Agony.—Luke, 22: 44.

Robt. Garry.

JESUS IS ABLE.

Having been given "all power," Matt. 28: 18, and having destroyed the works of the devil, 1 John, 3: 8, Jesus is able to,
Save to the uttermost, Heb. 7: 25.
Make all grace abound, 2 Cor. 9: 8.
Succor the tempted, Heb. 2: 18.
Make us stand, Rom. 14: 4.
Keep us from falling, Jude 24.
Subdue all things, Phil. 3: 21.
Keep that committed to him, 2 Tim. 1: 12.
Perform what he has promised, Rom. 4: 21.
Do above all we ask or think, Eph. 3: 20.
Knowing His grace and power, shall we not come and say, "Yea, Lord," Matt. 9: 28.
F. S. Shepard.

THREE LIFE SECRETS.

Psa. 25: 14.

1. The Secret of Safety. The blood. Ex. 12: 13. Lev. 17: 11; Matt. 26: 28; 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19; Heb. 9: 22; Rev. 12: 11.

2. The Secret of Assurance. The Word. 1 John 5: 13; John 5: 24; 20: 31; 3: 33. Num. 23: 19; Psa. 119: 89; Luke 21: 33; 2 Tim. 1: 12; John 10: 27-29.

3. The Secret of Lasting Joy. Obedience. John 15: 9-11; Isa. 1: 18, 19; 1 Sam. 15: 22, 23. Disobedience forfeits joy. Psa. 51: 12. Here is a life motto. John 2: 6; Amos 3: 3. Conscious manifested presence of God, gives joy. Heb. 3: 17, 18. Heb. 12: 29.

Evangelist Robert L. Layfield.

IMPOSSIBLE.

1. For men to enter heaven unless born again. John 3: 5-7.

2. For men to be saved without shedding of blood. Heb. 9: 22.

3. To be saved without personal faith. Mark 16: 16.

4. To believe and not be saved. Acts 16: 31.

5. To be saved after this life. Luke 16: 26.

6. For those who neglect, to escape. Heb. 2: 8.

7. For God to lie. Heb. 6: 18.

James Sprunt.

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CONTRAST.—SAVED OR LOST.

Unbeliever.—Lost, Jno. 3: 18.

Dead in sins. Eph. 2: 1.

Child of Devil. John 8: 44.

Far from God. Eph. 2: 12.

Sure of hell. Rev. 21: 8.

Awaits judgment. Heb. 9: 27.

Under God's wrath. Jno. 3: 36.

Believer.—Saved. Eph. 2: 8-9.

Dead unto sin. Rom. 6: 11.

Child of God. John 1: 12.

Nigh to God. Eph. 2: 13.

Sure of heaven. 1 Pet. 1: 4.

Awaits Christ's glory. Phil. 8: 20-21.

Under God's favor. Rom. 5: 2.

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CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP.

Luke 9: 23.

1. Denial of Self. Christ's other uses of word deny: Matt. 10: 33; Matt. 26: 34; Rev. 2: 13; Rev. 3: 8.

To deny self means to disown, renounce, dethrone self.

2. Take up his cross daily. Difference between cross and yoke. A yoke means service; a cross sacrifice. After self has been dethroned, it must be put to death. And "daily." Self may be once fastened to the cross, and yet soon work itself loose again.

3. Follow me. Same command as to the Fishermen by Galilee. A call not to imitation, primarily, but to obedience. Make me your Master. Become my "followers," my subjects, my servants.

Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D.D.

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THE BLOOD.

Heb. 9: 22.

1. Peace has been made through the blood. Col. 1: 20.

2. Justified by the blood. Rom. 5: 9.

3. Redemption by the blood. Eph. 1: 7; Col. 1: 14; 1 Pet. 1: 18.

4. This redemption is eternal. Heb. 9: 11-14; Heb. 10: 10-15.

5. Cleansed by the blood. 1 John 1: 7; Rev. 1: 5; Rev. 7: 14.

6. We enter into the holiest by the blood. Heb. 10: 19.

7. Overcome in heaven by the blood. Rev. 12: 11.

8. Then sing the song forever to the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 5: 9.

Rev. J. R. Dean.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM.

The Author.—David. A Royal Shepherd.

Chief Offices of a Shepherd:

1. To Feed. John 21: 15-17.

2. To Lead. 1 Pet. 2: 21; Isa. 30: 21.

3. To Restore. Ezek. 34: 16; Luke 15: 4; 19: 10.

4. To Protect. 1 Sam 17: 34; John 10: 28.

5. To Help and Carry the Weak. Isa. 40: 11. Wm. D. Laumaster.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT SALVATION.

What it is—

Love of God revealed to men. John 3: 16.
 Son-ship for those who receive Him. John 1: 12.

What it leads to—

Confession that Jesus is the Christ. Matt. 16: 16; 1 John 4: 2; 5: 1.
 Opposition. John 9: 22; 12: 42, 43.

What it involves—

Life-long service. Rev. 2: 10.
 Eph. 6, for parents 4; children 1; husbands 25-28; wives 22; masters (employers) 9; servants (employees) 5; and Christians Eph. 5: 15-17; workers Matt. 11: 29, 30; 27: 19, 20.

The Purifying of life. 1 John 3: 3.

What are the results—

Lead us into His likeness. Eph. 4: 15;
 Psal. 17: 15.
 Everlasting life. Heb. 5: 9.

Frank D. Stanley.

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THE ALL THINGS OF THE BIBLE IN RELATION TO THE BELIEVER.

They are of God, as to their source. 2 Cor. 5: 18.

Are for the sake of believers, as to their object. 2 Cor. 4: 15.

Work together for good, as to their purpose. Rom. 8: 28.

Christ Head over the Church, as to their arrangement. Eph. 1: 22.

The believer may know, hence his privilege. 1 John 2: 20.

The believer can do, hence his power. Phil. 4: 13.

Granted in answer to prayer, hence his dependence. Matt. 21: 22.

Only possible to faith, hence his responsibility. Mark 9: 23.

Are to be proved, hence his diligence. 1 Thes. 5: 21.

Thanks to be given for, hence his gratitude. Eph. 5: 20.

Their end at hand, hence his watchfulness. 1 Peter 4: 7.

To be inherited by the believer, hence his hope. Rev. 21: 5.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH CHRIST?

Matt. 27: 22.

Important question; demands an answers.

Right answer—We gain everything. Wrong answer—We lose all.

What depends upon what we do with Christ?

If accept, we become sons of God.

If refuse, we become His enemy.

We possess peace; joy and eternal life promised if we accept.

What we must do with Him.

Accept or reject, let Him in or shut Him out, confess or deny.

Take our stand for or against.

He is our King, Son of God, and our Savior.

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ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SPIRIT.

Resisting. Gen. 6: 8.

Grieving. Eph. 4: 30.

Quenching. 2 Thess. 5: 19.

Filled. Eph. 5: 18.

Cultivating. 1 Tim. 4: 14; 2 Tim. 1: 6.

Rev. Walter Veazie.

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A SUCCESSFUL WICKED MAN.

1. Successes.

1. In coming to the kingdom. (As succession was often disputed in those days.) 1 Kings 16: 28, 29.

2. In victories over Ben-Hadad. 1 Kings 20: 20, 21, 29.

3. In gaining vineyard of Naboth. 1 Kings 21: 16.

4. In making alliance. 1 Kings 22: 4.

5. As an enterprising man. 1 Kings 22: 39.

2. How he did things.

1. Plays loose. 1 Kings 21: 25.

2. Had no moral oversight over his subjects. 1 Kings 16: 34.

3. Does not consider God. 1 Kings 16: 33.

4. Murders man. 1 Kings 21: 12-14.

3. Failure.

1. Did not learn the intent of his successes. 1 Kings 20: 13, 28.

2. Did not get satisfaction from them. 1 Kings 20: 43.

3. Condemned morally. 1 Kings 21: 19.

4. Leaves curse on posterity. 1 Kings 21: 20-22.

5. Dies by a circumstance. 1 Kings 22: 34, 35.

The right kind of success. Psal. 1: 1-3.

The way it takes. Prov. 4: 18.

Charles Petram.

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HEZEKIAH, HIS MORAL CHARACTER.

2 Kings 18: 6, 7.

1. The pious course Hezekiah pursued.

1. His adherence to God.

2. He kept His commandments.

3. He persevered in the way of holy obedience.

2. The distinguished blessings which he enjoyed.

1. The divine presence. "And the Lord was with him."

2. Continued prosperity. "And he prospered," etc.

Application—

1. How many are imitating Hezekiah?

2. What encouragement for all to do so.

3. Will not some commence now?

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PRAYER.

Condition of the Heart in Acceptable Prayer.

1. Undivided heart. Mal. 3: 10; Jer. 29: 13.

2. Broken and humble heart. Psal. 51: 17; Jer. 9: 1.

3. Clean heart. Psal. 66: 18; Prov. 28: 13.

4. Forgiving heart. Acts 7: 60; Mark 11: 25, 26.

5. Obedient heart. 1 John 3: 22.

6. Abiding heart. John 15: 7; Jas. 1: 6.

7. Spirit taught heart. Jude 20; Eph. 6: 18; Rom. 8: 26-28.

8. Seeking that the Father may be glorified in His Son. John 14: 13.

Rev. Fred Berry.

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A STRONG PURPOSE.

1. Purposed in the Spirit. Acts 19: 21.

2. Pray in the Spirit. Eph. 6: 18.

3. Worship in the Spirit. Phil. 3: 3.

4. Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5: 16.

Wm. D. Laumaster.

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THE EPISTLES OF JOHN.

1st Epistle—Knowing the Truth.

Knowledge of the truth is knowledge of
2: 3) and of the Spirit (4: 2).2. Regeneration. 2: 29; 3: 9; 4: 7; 5: 1;
4, 18.

3. Eternal Life. 5: 13.

4. Holiness. 2: 4, 5.

5. Acceptance in prayer. 5: 15.

2d Epistle—Walking in the Truth.

This is to walk "even as He (Christ)
walked." Ver. 6.

1. Expressive of life. Ver. 2.

2. Encouraging to believers. Ver. 4.

3. Emblem of obedience. Ver. 6.

3d Epistle—Spreading the Truth.

This may be done by

1. Individual effort. "Gaius," ver. 1.

2. Personal holiness. "Thy soul prosper-
eth," ver. 2.3. Personal testimony. "Came and testi-
fied," ver. 3.

4. Care for God's workers. Ver. 5.

5. Disinterested service. "Taking noth-
ing," ver. 7.

6. Dealing with obstacles. Ver. 10.

7. Pen and ink service. Ver. 13.

Henry Thorne.

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HOW TO PREPARE A LESSON OR SERMON.

1. Call to God for it. Psa. 119: 18.

2. Choose a text. Luke 4: 17, 22.

3. Chew it. Josh. 1: 8.

4. Compare it. Acts 17: 11.

5. Commit it to memory. Deut. 11: 18.

6. Christ the centre. Luke 24: 27.

7. Continue to pray over it. Rom. 12: 12;

R. V.

8. Collect illustrations for it. Matt. 13:

34.

9. Compare it with other sermons. 1 Cor.

2: 13.

10. Condense it. Prov. 10: 19.

11. Consecrate it. Psa. 37: 5.

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THE SEVEN RECORDED PASSOVERS.

In Egypt. Ex., 12th Chapter.

In the Wilderness of Sinai. Numb. 9: 5.

On the Plains of Jericho. Josh. 5: 10.

In Jerusalem at the proclamation of Heze-
kiah. 2 Chron., 30th Chapter.

In Jerusalem, in eighteenth year of Josiah.

2 Chron., 35th Chapter.

In Jerusalem, after the return from Baby-
lon. Ezra 5: 19, 20.In Jerusalem, by Our Lord and His disci-
ples. Matt. 24: 17, 30.

Rev. L. W. Munhall, D. D.

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"LET US."

In Hebrews.

Fear. 4: 1.

Give diligence. 4: 11.

Hold fast. 4: 14.

Draw near. 4: 16; 10: 22.

Go on unto perfection. 6: 1.

Consider one another. 10: 24.

Lay aside. 12: 1.

Run. 12: 2.

Have grace. 12: 28.

Go forth unto Him. 13: 13

Offer the sacrifice of praise. 13: 15.

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HOW TO DO PERSONAL WORK.

John 4: 1-30.

Study Christ as the model soul winner.
See Him at work in John, 4th chapter. By
studying Him you will learn that you must,

1. Go where the sinner is. John 4: 4.

2. You must speak to the sinner first.
John 4: 7; Matt. 5: 47.3. Remember the unsaved are often igno-
rant. John 4: 10; 1 Cor. 2: 14.4. Tell him of God's gift. John 4: 10;
Rom. 6: 23.5. Draw spiritual lessons from common
things. John 4: 10-12.6. Tell of something that satisfies. John
4: 13, 14; Psa. 107: 9.7. Bring him face to face with his sin.
John 4: 16; Num. 32: 23.8. Do not be sidetracked, the sinner will
try to change conversation. John 4: 19-
21.9. He will seek to put off. John 4: 25;
2 Cor. 6: 2.10. Trust God to reveal Christ through the
word. John 4: 26; Matt. 16: 16, 17.11. Expect immediate conversion. John 4:
28, 29; Matt. 9: 29.12. Expect converts to go to work for oth-
ers. John 4: 28-30.13. Make working for God your meat and
drink.

Evangelist Robert L. Layfield.

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LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE
YOUTH OF JESUS.

Luke 2: 52.

True greatness is humble. V. 40.

Every child should be trained to Bible
study. V. 42.Never go a step without making sure Jesus
is with you. V. 44.It is a serious matter to lose communica-
tion with Christ. V. 45.The places we frequent are an index of our
character. V. 46.Jesus is our Example as well as our Savior.
V. 51.

Silent hours are not lost hours. V. 51.

A holy life is pleasing to God, and attract-
ive to good men. V. 52.

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SEVEN IF'S.

I. Three are the false pretensions of men.

1. Concerning fellowship. 1 Jno. 1: 6.

2. Concerning sinlessness. 1 Jno. 1: 8.

3. Concerning past righteousness. 1 Jno.
1: 10.

II. Four are the true teachings of God.

1. Concerning fellowship. 1 Jno. 1: 7.

2. Concerning our cleansing. 1 Jno. 1: 9.

3. Concerning our "future" sinning. 1
Jno. 2: 1.4. Concerning our assurance. 1 Jno. 2: 3.
By R. E. Neighbour.

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WORK FOR CHRIST.

Commission. 2 Cor. 5: 20.

Messenger. Rev. 22: 17.

Conditions. John 21: 15, 17.

Motive. 2 Cor. 5: 14.

Field. Matt. 25: 40.

Responsibility. Heb. 13: 17; Matt. 25: 28.

Strength. 2 Cor. 3: 5; Phil 4: 13.

Our instrument. 2 Tim. 2: 15.

Success. Psa. 126: 6.

THE BELIEVER'S WALK.

The Standard. 1 Jno. 2: 6; 3: 3.

I. In the church. A. Positively expressed.

1. In newness of life. Rom. 6: 4.
2. After the Spirit. Rom. 8: 1; Gal. 5: 16.
3. By faith. 2 Cor. 5: 7.
4. In good works. Eph. 2: 10.
5. Worthy of the vocation. Eph. 4: 1; 5: 8.
6. Worthy of the Lord. Col. 1: 10; 1 Thess. 2: 12; 4: 1.
7. In love. Eph. 5: 2.

II. Before the world.

1. In wisdom. Col. 4: 5.
2. Circumspectly. Eph. 5: 15; 1 Tim. 3: 7.
3. Honestly. 1 Thess. 4: 12; Rom. 13: 13.
4. In contrast. Eph. 4: 17; 5: 8.
5. In separation. Prov. 1: 15; 2 Cor. 6: 14-18.
6. In peace. 2 Tim. 2: 22; Heb. 12: 14. Eph. 6: 15; Rom. 12: 18.
7. Soberly, righteously, and godly. Titus 2: 12.

III. B. Negatively expressed.

1. Not as other Gentiles. Eph. 4: 17.
2. Not after the flesh. Rom. 8: 1.
3. Not by sight. 2 Cor. 5: 7.
4. Not as fools. Eph. 5: 15.
5. Not in rioting, etc. Rom. 13: 13.
6. Not in craftiness. 2 Cor. 4: 2.
7. Not to themselves. 2 Cor. 6: 15.

BRAZEN SERPENT.

Numbers 21: 4-9; John 3: 14.

Discouragement is always from the devil.

V. 4. The path of murmuring is full of stings.

V. 5. We "speak against God" when we complain of our lot. V. 5.

Each new sin brings a new penalty. V. 6. We are reminded of our sin through our suffering. V. 7.

Heartfelt confession is a sign of wholesome recovery. V. 7.

Looking is believing. V. 8.

Look and live—look or die. V. 8.

Look not upon faith or feeling but look at Christ. V. 9.

"FOLLOW ME."

John 10: 27.

There are at least eight distinct instances where Christ gives the command, "Follow Me," and in these instances we have an eight-fold call of Christ.

1. Call to salvation. John 1: 43.
2. Call to concentration. John 21: 19-22.
3. Call to separation. Matthew 8: 22.
4. Call to self-denial. Matthew 16: 24.
5. Call to consecration. Matthew 19: 21.
6. Call to imitation. John 12: 26.
7. Call to service. Matthew 4: 19.
8. Call to Himself. Matthew 9: 9.

F. E. Marsh.

TITLES OF THE SPIRIT.

1. The Holy Spirit. Luke 11: 13.
2. The Spirit of Christ. Rom. 8: 9.
3. The Spirit of His Son. Gal. 4: 6.
4. The Spirit of Truth. Jno. 14: 17.
5. The Spirit of Promise. Eph. 1: 13.
6. The Spirit of the Lord. Isa. 11: 2.
7. The Spirit of Grace. Heb. 10: 29.

THE LIFE SEPARATED UNTO GOD.

It is necessary because God commands it.

1. Come ye out from among them and be ye separated. 2 Cor. 6: 14-18.
2. Live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Titus 2: 11-15.
3. Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thes. 5: 22.

It is necessary for our own success as Christians.

1. We cannot love God and the world at the same time. 1 John 2: 15.
2. We cannot serve God and the world at the same time. Matt. 6: 24; Rom. 6: 16.
3. We cannot be temples of God and the world at the same time. 1 Cor. 3: 16-17.

It is necessary for the sake of others.

1. That we may not cause men to perish. 1 Cor. 8: 9-13.
2. That we may win men to God. 1 Pet. 2: 12.
3. That we may walk honestly before men. 1 Thes. 4: 12.

Chas. Cullen Smith.

SALVATION BY FAITH.

Acts 16: 25-34; Believe in Him—Shall be saved.

John 3: 16, 18, 36; Psal. 9: 17; John 1: 12; Received Him.

John 5: 24; My word—Hath—Shall not—Is.

John 6: 47; He that believeth—Hath.

John 6: 40; His will—Everlasting—I will.

Acts 13: 38, 39; By Him—Justified.

NOT BY WORKS.

John 6: 25-29; This is the work—Believe.

Rom. 3: 19-26; By deeds—Not justified.

1. God of the Father (2: 13) of the Son

Rom. 3: 28; By faith—Without deeds.

Rom. 4: 5; Worketh not—But believeth.

Rom. 5: 1; Faith—Peace with God. Rom.

15: 13; Isa. 26: 3; Eph. 2: 8, 9; By grace—Gift.

Not of works. Gal. 2: 16, 21.

God demands faith. Acts 17: 20, 31; 1 John 3: 23.

Robert Garry.

HOW ARE WE JUSTIFIED.

1. By Grace. Rom. 3: 24.

2. By the Blood of Christ. Rom. 5: 9.

3. By the resurrection of Christ. Rom. 4: 25.

4. By knowledge. Isa. 53: 11.

5. By faith. Rom. 5: 1.

6. By Jesus' name and the Spirit. 1 Cor. 6: 11.

7. By works. Jas. 2: 24.

8. By the Lord. Rom. 8: 33.

Xan Mere.

CHRIST JESUS, THE SIN-BEARER.

Behold the Lamb of God. Jno. 1: 29.

By His stripes healed. Isa. 53: 5.

Christ hath redeemed. Gal. 3: 13.

Who bare our sins. 1 Pet. 2: 24.

One sacrifice for sins. Heb. 10: 12-14.

Forgiveness of sins. Acts 13: 38, 39.

Purged our sins. Heb. 1: 3.

To take away our sins. 1 Jno. 3: 5.

It is finished. Jno. 19: 30.

James Sprunt.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Personality and office of the Holy Spirit.
Personality of the Holy Spirit.

1. Study and mark Christ's twenty-two pronouns in speaking of Him in John 14: 16, 17, 26; 15: 26; 16: 7-14.
2. May be grieved—has feeling. Eph. 4: 3.
3. May be blasphemed. Luke 12: 10.
4. Is distinct from Father and Son. Luke 3: 22; Matt. 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13: 14; 1 Cor. 12: 3; John 16: 14.

Office of the Holy Spirit in Church.

1. To convict of sin. John 16: 8.
2. To impart the new birth. John 3: 5, 6.
3. To testify to the new life. Rom. 8: 16.
4. To refine and purify the heart. Acts 15: 8, 9.
5. To impart the love of God. Rom. 5: 1-5.
6. To give power in prayer. Rom. 8: 26.
7. To give power to witness for Christ. Acts 1: 8.
8. Transform and glorify the Christian life. 2 Cor. 3: 18. Wonderful.

Rev. Frank A. Miller.

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NEHEMIAH AND HIS WORK.

Neh. 1.

The court of a heathen prince may be the sanctuary to a Christian. V. 1.

Great movements for good often originate with one person. V. 1.

What's in the heart will come to the lips. V. 2.

Prayer is a sure refuge in trial. V. 4.

The reproach of God's people should be ours. V. 4.

If God were not more mindful of His promises than we are of His precepts, we were undone. VV. 8, 9.

The best way to reach men is through God. V. 11.

Favor with men is compatible when it springs from the favor of God. V. 11.

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WISDOM.

Worldly definition: "Pleasure," "fame," "culture," "wealth." God's judgment in. 1 Cor. 3: 19.

True definition. Job 28: 28; Prov. 9: 10.

Worth of wisdom. Job 28: 13-19; Prov. 8: 11.

The source of wisdom. Job 28: 20-23.

Our duty, "Seek." Prov. 8: 33-35.

The New Testament idea centers in Christ. Eph. 3: 8-11.

Three prayers of Paul. Eph. 1: 15-23; Eph. 3: 14-21; Col. 1: 9-11.

How can we secure wisdom?

Prayer. Jas. 1: 5.

The Bible. 2 Tim. 3: 13-17.

The Holy Spirit. Jno. 14: 26.

Rev. H. M. Morey.

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CHRIST ALL IN ALL.

Christ is the—

1. Savior of men. 2 Tim. 1: 10. Receive Him.

2. Door. Jno. 10: 9. Enter and be saved.

3. Way. Jno. 14: 6. Walk ye in Him.

4. Shepherd. Jno. 10: 11. Abide in fold.

5. Example. Jno. 13: 15. Follow Him.

6. Bread of life. Jno. 6: 35. Eat.

James Sprunt.

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THE FIRST GOSPEL MESSAGE.

Luke 2: 8-20.

- I. By whom proclaimed. V. 9.
- II. To whom proclaimed. V. 8. Shepherds—not high priests or elders, but humble working men. An honest calling never stands in the way of a divine visitation. It was not pleasant work, but while at it angels visited them. Ex. 3: 1, 2; Judges 6: 11, 12; 1 Kings 19: 19.

III. How it was received.

1. They feared. V. 9. Sin makes man afraid when in the presence of the supernatural. Gen. 3: 10, etc.
2. They heard. VV. 10-12. Deut. 18: 15; Matt. 17: 5; Jno. 5: 24.
3. They believed. V. 15. Jno. 20: 19; 3: 16, etc.
4. They acted promptly. V. 16. 2 Cor. 6: 2; Heb. 3: 15.
5. Their faith was confirmed. V. 16. Jno. 7: 17; 11: 40.
6. They gave testimony. V. 17. Mark 5: 19.
7. They were filled with joy and praise. V. 20. Feeling never precedes but follows faith and action. Imitate the shepherds. W. M. Collender.

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GOSPEL INVITATION.

Isa. 55: 1-12.

1. We come to the waters, but find wine and milk. V. 1.
2. Another moment may place us beyond the reach of pardon. V. 6.
3. If redeemed, we desire others to come to "our God." V. 7.
4. We cannot have God's thoughts whilst filled with our own opinions. V. 8.
5. God's way will be clear when we get to the end of our own. V. 9.
6. Nothing is wasted in God's House. V. 10.
7. God-sent messages never go to the dead letter office. V. 11.
8. A great hallelujah chorus awaits the return of God's people. V. 12.

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CERTAIN PUNISHMENT FOR SIN.

Be sure your sin will find you out. Num. 32: 23.

No, not mine—never. Nobody was present to see. Yes, it will.

1. Your sin will probably find you out in this world.

2. Because God always sees it when it is committed.

3. Because the sinner's conscience often betrays him.

4. Because it will be revealed at the last great day.

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IN NAME OF JESUS.

1. Salvation in the name. Acts 4: 12.
2. Prayer in the name. Jno. 14: 13, 14; Jno. 16: 23, 24.
3. Gathered in the name. Matt. 18: 20.
4. Do all in the name. 1 Cor. 10: 3.
5. Service in the name. Acts 4: 17, 18.
6. Suffering in the name. Acts 5: 41.
7. Discipline in the name. 1 Cor. 5: 4, 5.
8. Exalting in the name. Phil. 2: 9-11.

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EVIL SPEAKING.

1. Some ways of—
 1. Slander. Rom. 3: 8.
 2. Tale-bearing. Lev. 19: 16; Prov. 11: 13, and 20: 19.
 3. Flattery. Psa. 12: 2-4.
- 2.—Some effects of—
 1. Separates friends. Prov. 17: 9, and 16: 23.
 2. Keeps up the strife. Prov. 26: 20-21.
 3. Gets person into trouble. Prov. 21: 23.
 4. Keeps from fellowship with God. Psa. 15: 1-3; James 1: 26.
 5. Causes trouble at the Judgment Day. Matt. 12: 36, 37.
- 3.—Some causes of—
 1. Often hatred. Psa. 41: 7.
 2. Often idleness. 1 Tim. 5: 13.
 3. Always a bad heart. Luke 6: 45.
- 4.—How escape from the habit.
 1. Have the heart changed. James 3: 11-12.
 2. Resolve to put them away, obeying. Eph. 4: 29, 31; 1 Pet. 2: 1.
 3. Watch (a) the words. Psa. 34: 13; Psa. 39: 1. (b) the thoughts. 2 Cor. 10: 5; Phil. 4: 8.
 4. Pray for (a) good words. Psa. 141: 3. (b) good thoughts. Phil. 4: 6, 7, R. V.
 5. Be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5: 18-20.
- 5.—A word to those spoken against.
 1. Always take it patiently, following the Master's example. 1 Pet. 2: 19-23.
 2. Care for your character, rather than your reputation. 1 Pet. 3: 16, and 2: 12.
 3. Take comfort from Matt. 5: 11, 12.

M. M. Smyser.

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CHASTENING, GOD'S PURPOSE IN.

Deut. 7: 5.

Chastening is first mentioned in the Bible as in connection with the sins of God's people. Lev. 26: 28.

God chastises—

1. To humble. 1 Pet. 5: 5, 6.
2. To make us repent. Jer. 31: 18.
3. To lead us to pray. Isa. 26: 16.
4. To teach us His word. Psa. 94: 12.
5. To keep us from condemnation. 1 Cor. 2: 32.
6. Because He loves us. Heb. 2: 6.

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PERSONALITIES OF A PREACHER.

2 Tim. 1: 11, 12.

1. I am appointed.
2. I also suffer.
3. I am not ashamed.
4. I know Him. (R. V.)
5. I have trusted. (Marg.)
6. I am persuaded.
7. I have committed.

R. E. Neighbour.

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ME, OR JESUS ONLY.

1. Look unto Me. Isa. 45: 22.
2. Come unto Me. Matt. 11: 28.
3. Abide in Me. Jno. 15: 4.
4. Learn of Me. Matt. 11: 29.
5. Lovest thou Me? Jno. 21: 15.
6. Follow thou Me. Jno. 21: 22.
7. Watch with Me. Matt. 26: 38.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT.—THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER.

Christ's Parting Message—

Acts 1: 4-8.

1.—What the promise implies.

1. Outpouring of the spirit of prophecy. Joel 2: 28, 29. Fulfilled. Acts 2: 16. Heritage of all Christians.
 2. Outpouring of the spirit of supplication. Zech. 12: 10. Awakening, conviction. Revival begins here.
 3. Outpouring of spirit of refreshing. Isa. 44: 3-5. The joy of new-born souls.
 4. Baptism of refining fire. Matt. 3: 11. Consuming selfishness, revenge, etc.
 5. Endowment of divine power. Luke 24: 49.
 6. The promise is to all Christians. Acts 2: 38, 39.
- 2.—Conditions of receiving the promise.
1. Soul hunger—Confess need. Matt. 5: 6.
 2. Entire surrender. 1 Cor. 3: 16; Rom. 12: 1.
 3. Patient, persistent waiting. Acts 1: 4-14; 4: 31; Luke 11: 10-13.
 4. Claim the promise by faith. Mark 11: 24.
- 3.—Result of receiving the promise.
1. Souls won for the Lord—Barnabas. Acts 11: 24.
 2. Strength and grace for the Lord's work. Acts 4: 33.
 3. Rivers of blessing. John 7: 37-39.
- Rev. Frank A. Miller.

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GOD'S LOVE TO MAN.

1. Is great. Eph. 2: 4.
2. Is forgiving. Hos. 14: 4.
3. Is unnatural. Rom. 5: 8.
4. Is uncomprehensible. 1 John 3: 1.
5. Is matchless. 1 John 4: 10.
6. Is boundless. John 3: 16.
7. Is enduring. Rom. 8: 38, 39.
8. Is everlasting. Jer. 31: 3.

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PROMISE, A.

Phil. 4: 19.

Faith's Bank Note.

Name of Banker—My God. The Infinite, Almighty, never-changing One.
 Promise to pay—"Shall supply." A blind woman had certain promises in Bible marked with pins, and placing her fingers upon them, pleaded: "Here is Thine own word, Lord."

Amount—All you need.

Bank capital—According to His riches. Eph. 3: 16; Psa. 84: 12.

Location of the bank—In glory.

Cashier—With Him all things. Rom. 8:

32. Without Him nothing. Jno. 15: 5.

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GOD SEEKING SINNERS.

Where art thou? Gen. 3: 9.

1. As a voice, to arouse the soul.
2. As a question, to convince of sin.
3. As the voice of God, bemoaning man's estate.
4. As a voice, seeking and inquiring with a view to finding.
5. Finally, a voice of justice, summoning the obstinate.

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DIFFERENT KINDS OF CONSCIENCES.

1. An evil conscience by sin. Heb. 10: 22.
2. A defiled conscience by unbelief. Titus 1: 15.
3. A sacred conscience by hypocrisy. 1 Tim. 4: 2.
4. A convicted conscience by Christ. Jno. 8: 9.
5. A weak conscience by ignorance. 1 Cor. 8: 10.
6. A cleansed conscience by Christ's blood. Heb. 9: 14.
7. A perfect conscience by Christ's perfect sacrifice. Heb. 9: 9; 10: 2.
8. A faithful conscience by obedience. 1 Pet. 2: 19.
9. An offenceless conscience by carefulness. Acts 24: 16.
10. A good conscience by godliness. Acts 23: 1.
11. A pure conscience by fidelity. 2 Tim. 1: 3.
12. A testifying conscience by consecration. 2 Cor. 1: 12.

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GUIDANCE.

Isa. 58: 11.

1.—How?

1. By His voice. John 10: 27.
2. With His eye. Psa. 32: 8.
3. With His counsel. Psa. 73: 24.
4. By His presence. John 10: 4.

2.—Where?

1. Into paths of peace. Luke 1: 79.
2. Into all truth. John 16: 13.

3.—How Long?

1. Continually. Isa. 5: 8-11.
2. Unto death. Psa. 48: 14.

4.—The Conditions?

1. Grateful acknowledgment of past, and present guidance. Prov. 3: 6.
2. Committing of the way to Him. Psa. 87: 5.

C. E. Parsons.

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COMMANDMENTS, TEN, SUMMARIZED.

Ex. 20.

1. Supreme love to God can have "no other gods."
2. Love resents every effort to represent its object, as bird, or beast or serpent.
3. Love never dishonors God's name by taking it in vain.
4. Love makes us reverence the "Lord's day."
5. Love makes home happy.
6. Love can never kill.
7. Lust, not love, breaks the seventh commandment.
8. Love prevents lying lips, love stops the voice of slander.
9. Love will give, but never steal.
10. Love has no covetous eyes for his neighbor's possessions.

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GROW IN CHRIST-LOVELINESS.

2 Pet. 3: 18.

1. For our own sake. Phil. 3: 12. Press on.
2. For our Father's sake. 1 Pet. 2: 9. Show forth the excellencies.
3. For the world's sake. Phil. 2: 15. See as light in the world. Matt. 5: 16.

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THINGS THAT CONTINUE.

His name. Psa. 72: 17-19.
His throne. Heb. 1: 8.
His power. Heb. 7: 25. (Margin.)
His priesthood. Heb. 7: 24.
His love. John 13: 1.
His presence. Matt. 28: 20.
His faithfulness. 2 Tim. 2: 13.
His word. 1 Pet. 1: 25.
His character. Heb. 13: 8.

Our inheritance. 1 Pet. 1: 4.
Our sonship. Gal. 4: 7.
Our life. John 6: 51.
Our consolation. 2 Thess. 2: 16.
Our kingdom. Rev. 22: 5.
Our king. 1 Tim. 1: 17.

The devils torment. Rev. 19: 14.
Their torment. Rev. 20: 10.
Their blackness and darkness. Jude 13.
The wrath of God. John 3: 36.

C. E. Paxton.

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OBEDIENCE.

Rom. 6: 6.

Profession nothing, unless we show obedience. Luke 6: 46. Why call "Lord," and do not? Not saved by obedience (Eph. 2: 8, 9), but obedience is result of heart belief. Rom. 10: 9, 10. The tree is fruitless until its life permeates; then fruit is seen. No fruit indicates deadness.

2 Tim. 3: 5, describes many in the church. Obey Christ's commands.

1. Be not conformed. Rom. 12: 1.
2. Let light shine. Matt. 5: 6.
3. To work. Matt. 21: 28.
4. Be steadfast, etc. 1 Cor. 15: 58.

In conclusion—not saying, but doing. Matt. 7: 21. Weston R. Gales.

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MEASURE OF BLESSING.

1. Predestinated—According to pleasure of His will. Eph. 1: 5.
2. Called—According to His purpose. Rom. 8: 28.
3. Saved—According to His mercy. Tit. 3: 5.
4. Redeemed; forgiven—According to riches of His grace. Eph. 1: 7.
5. Strengthened—According to His power. Col. 1: 11.
6. Needs supplied—According to His riches in glory. Phil. 4: 19.
7. Body changed—According to His ability. Phil. 3: 20, 21.

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SCRIPTURES, SEARCH THE.

John 5: 39.

S ystematically. Luke 24: 27; 2 Tim. 2: 14.
C arefully. Ps. 1: 2.
R everently. Ps. 19: 7-11.
I ntently. Prov. 2: 2. Why? Heb. 5: 12.
P rayerfully. Jas. 1: 5-7; Psa. 119: 18.
T rustingly. Jno. 20: 31; Acts 24: 14.
U nderstandingly. Acts 8: 30. Why? Heb. 4: 12.
R etentively. Jer. 20: 9; Ps. 119: 11.
E very day. Acts 17: 2; 1 Pet. 2: 2.
S avingly. Acts 20: 32.

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SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING.

Jno. 8: 32.

To know:

1. My state by nature. Rom. 7: 18; Gen. 6: 5.
2. Why Christ was manifested. 1 Jno. 3: 5.
3. Know Jesus Himself. Jno. 6: 69; 2 Tim. 1: 12.
4. Know God the Father. Jno. 17: 3; 1 Pet. 3: 18.
5. Know the Holy Spirit. Jno. 14: 17-20; 1 Jno. 3: 24.
6. That I have eternal life. Jno. 5: 24; 1 Jno. 5: 13.
7. That I shall never die. Jno. 11: 25, 26; Col. 8: 3, 4; Jno. 14: 19.
8. That I have a house awaiting me. 2 Cor. 5: 1.
9. That all things are working for my good. Rom. 8: 28.
10. That I shall be with Jesus and like Him. 1 Jno. 3: 1-3.

This is indeed "higher education," that is hid from many.

Robert L. Layfield.

58 SIN AND ITS PUNISHMENTS.

Psa. 51.

Sin and what it does—

- It defiles us. VV. 2-7.
- Haunts us. V. 3.
- Makes us sad. V. 8.
- Brings condemnation. V. 9.
- Drives us from God's presence. V. 11.
- Adam hid. Gen. 3: 8. Cain fled. Gen. 4: 16. Judas hanged himself. Matt. 27: 5.
- Grieves the Holy Spirit. V. 11.
- Robs of joy. V. 12.
- Destroys our testimony. VV. 13-15.
- Puts a stumbling block in the way of others. V. 14.
- Closes our lips. V. 15.
- Brings punishment. 2 Sam. 12: 15-23.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK.

- Walk in Him. Col. 2: 6.
- Walk abundantly more and more. 1 Thess. 4: 1.
- Walk in newness of life. Rom. 6: 4.
- Walk not after the flesh but
- Walk after the Spirit. Rom. 8: 1.
- Walk honestly. Rom. 13: 13.
- Walk by faith. 2 Cor. 5: 7.
- Walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5: 6.
- Walk by same rule. Phil. 3: 16.
- Walk worthy of the Lord. Col. 1: 10.
- Walk in the light. 1 John 1: 7.
- Walk with me in white. Rev. 3: 4.
- Walk worthy of the vocation. Eph. 4: 1.
- Walk even as He walked. 1 John 2: 6.
- Walk circumspectly. Eph. 5: 10.
- Walk humbly. Micah 6: 8.
- Walk in the ways of the Lord. Hosea 14: 9.
- Walk in way of good men. Prov. 2: 20.
- Walk in mine integrity. Psa. 26: 11.

Rev. John S. Blair.

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OUR HOPE.

1. Living hope. 1 Pet. 1: 3; John 14: 19.
2. Blessed hope. Tit. 2: 13; Jer. 17: 7.
3. Good hope. 2 Thess. 2: 16.
4. Sure hope. Heb. 6: 19.
5. Joyful hope. 1 Thess. 2: 19.
6. Purifying hope. Col. 1: 27; 1 John 3: 3.

James M. Lavender.

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PURITY.

1. God's definition of religion is purity—"unspotted" life. Jas. 1: 27.
2. Christ gave Himself that He might have a pure church. Tit. 2: 14.
3. Apostles constantly refer to the purity of Christ. 1 Pet. 1: 19; Heb. 9: 14.
4. The Scriptures abound in references to purity. 1 Tim. 5: 22; 2 Tim. 6: 17; 2 Tim. 2: 22; Rom. 12: 9.
5. Only the pure see God. Matt. 5: 8.
6. No unclean enter kingdom. Eph. 5: 6.
7. Possibility of purity suggested by God's choosing our bodies for His temple. 1 Cor. 6: 19.

We are purified—

1. Through His blood. 1 Jno. 1: 7.
2. Through the word. Jno. 15: 3; Ps. 119: 9-11.
3. The hope of Christ's coming. 1 Jno. 3: 2, 3; Tit. 2: 11-14.

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DORCAS AND GOOD DEEDS.

Acts 9: 36.

He or she is a saint who devotes himself or herself to Christ as a peculiar servant. V. 32.

The true teacher draws away attention from himself to his Lord. V. 34.

No man was ever converted but his conversion affected someone else. V. 35.

The restoration of one may lead to the conversion of many. V. 35.

Good works come from the heart, and pass through the hands. V. 36.

The presence and prayers of a loving minister are precious in time of trouble. V. 38.

Acts of benevolence are the best relics. V. 39.

No house is low where a saint lives. V. 43.

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MAN'S LOVE TO MAN.

1. Commanded by Christ. John 13: 34; Matt. 22: 39.
2. A test of discipleship. John 13: 35.
3. A result of loving God. 1 John 5: 2.
4. Guarantee of God's indwelling. 1 John 4: 12.
5. The fulfillment of the law. Gal. 5: 14.
6. A legitimate debt. Rom. 13: 8.
7. Should be pure and fervent. 1 Pet. 1: 22.
8. Should be forbearing. Eph. 4: 12.
9. Should be unselfish. Gal. 5: 13.
10. Should be binding. Col. 2: 2.
11. Should be increasing and abounding. 1 Thess. 3: 12.
12. Should be continuous. Heb. 13: 1.

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SEED-TIME AND HARVEST.

1. The field. Matt. 13: 38.
2. The seed. Luke 8: 11.
3. The sowing. Eccl. 11: 6.
4. The growth. John 12: 24; 1 Cor. 15: 36.
5. The fruit. 1 Cor. 3: 6, 7.
6. The harvest. John 4: 35.
 1. Sure. Gal. 6: 7.
 2. Plenteous. 2 Cor. 9: 6.
 3. Bountiful. Matt. 9: 37.
7. The reaping. Rev. 14: 15-18.
8. The reward. Dan. 12: 3.

Fred A. Brown.

65 OBADIAH: CURSE OF COWARDICE.

A. The Prophet of his Times.

I. Dates.

- No personal history.
- Date uncertain.
- This book quoted in Jeremiah.
- Probably uttered before the fall of Jerusalem.
- Quotations from Joel and Amos.

II. Characteristics.

- Political disturbance.
- Factions. Parties.
- Nation on the brink of a catastrophe.

B. The Prophecy.

I. Analysis.

a. Explanatory introduction.

1. The method of communication. "The vision of Obadiah."
2. The value of the message. "Thus saith the Lord God."
3. The subject of the message. "Concerning Edom."
4. A confirmatory coincidence. "We have heard," "And an ambassador."

b. The judgment of Edom. VV. 2-18.

1. The doom declared. VV. 2-9.
2. The reason assigned. VV. 10-16.

c. The restoration of Israel. VV. 17-21

1. The delivered remnant. V. 17.
2. The victorious people. V. 18.
3. The conquering people. V. 19.
4. The returning captives. V. 20.
5. The final issue. V. 21.

II. The message.

- One of comfort.
- Judgment of Israel's enemies.
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66 DANIEL, HIS CHARACTERISTICS, A STUDY.

- Courteous. Dan. 1: 8-12.
- Attractive. Dan. 1: 4-9.
- Temperate. Dan. 1: 8.
- Studios. Dan. 1: 17-19.
- Courageous. Dan. 2: 13-16; 6: 7-11.
- Humble. Dan. 2: 30; 9: 7-20.
- Faithful. Dan. 6: 4.
- Bible student. Dan. 9: 2; 11: 13.
- Prayerful. Dan. 2: 18; 6: 10; 9: 4; 12: 8.
- Honored. Dan. 2: 48; 6: 23; 12: 13.

67 SPIRITUAL REMEDIES FOR SPIRITUAL MALADIES.

- Bad temper. Psa. 34: 1.
- Evil speaking. Psa. 35: 28.
- Melancholy. Psa. 70: 4.
- Scandal. Psa. 71: 8.
- Self-righteousness. Psa. 71: 15.
- Fear. Psa. 71: 24.
- Boasting. Psa. 44: 8.
- Envy. Prov. 23: 17.
- Evil thoughts. Psa. 119: 97.

68 OH, THAT I!

1. The enquirer's lament. Job 23: 3.
2. The suppliant's prayer. Job 6: 8.
3. The murmurer's complaint. Job 10: 18.
4. The backslider's remorse. Job 29: 2.
5. The rebel's wish. 2 Sam. 15: 4.
6. The believer's desire. Psa. 55: 6.
7. The prophet's cry. Jer. 9: 2.

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69 WHAT GOD DOES WITH THE BELIEVER'S SINS.

- No condemnation to those in Christ. Rom. 8: 1.
- Not imputed to us. 2 Cor. 5: 19.
- Laid on Christ. Isa. 53: 6.
- Borne by Christ. 1 Pet. 2: 24.
- Covered. Rom. 4: 7.
- Remitted. Acts 10: 43.
- Removed. Psa. 103: 12.
- Passed away. Zech. 3: 4.
- Subdued. Micha 7: 19.
- Put away. Heb. 9: 26.
- Cast behind God's back. Isa. 38: 7.
- Finished. Dan. 9: 24.
- Cast into sea. Micha 7: 19.
- Blotted out. Isa. 43: 25; Acts 3: 19.
- Purged. Heb. 1: 3.
- Loosed in blood. Rev. 1: 5.
- Not remembered. Heb. 8: 12.
- We antedate the judgment bar when we believe. Jno. 5: 24.
- Our security is Ex. 12: 13.

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70 HOW THE WORD CAME.

- In diverse ways. Heb. 1: 1.
- By the mouth of the Lord. Gen. 18: 3; Ex. 33: 9.
- By voice from the void. Ex. 3: 4; Matt. 3: 17.
- By angels. Dan. 9: 21; Luke 2: 10.
- By inscription of God. Ex. 32: 16; 34: 1; Deut. 10: 1.
- By Urim and Thummim. Num. 2: 21; Ezek. 2: 6.
- By dreams and visions. Dan. 2; 1 Kings 3: 5; Dan. 7.
- By inspiration. 2 Pet. 1: 20; 2 Tim. 3: 16.
- It did not come by "insight," nor by "genius."

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

71 CHRIST IN HEBREWS.

- Heb. 2: 7-9.
- 1. Past—Lower than the angels. V. 7. A little while lower. (R. V. margin.)
- 2. Present—But we see not yet all things put under Him. V. 8. Subjected to Him. (R. V.)
- 3. Present—Crowned with glory, etc. V. 9. Crowned as victor. Newberry's version.
- 4. Future—Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. V. 8. Compare with 1 Cor. 15: 23-28; Eph. 1: 19-23.

James Sprunt.

72 SALVATION TO THE UTMOST.

- "Christ is able to save." Heb. 7: 25.
- 1. For there is no degree of guilt from which He cannot save.
- 2. Because He saves down to the lowest limit of intelligence.
- 3. Because He can save to the uttermost hour of existence.
- 4. Because He can save in the utmost pressure of temptation.
- 5. When human power can reach no farther, He completes the salvation.

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TWENTY-THIRD PSALM.

The Lord is my Shepherd,—Possession.
 I shall not want.—Provision.
 He maketh me to lie down;—Position.
 He leadeth me beside the still waters;—Progress.
 He restoreth my soul;—Personal.
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—Progression.
 For His name's sake.—Purpose.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—Parting.
 I will fear no evil,—Peace.
 For Thou art with me;—Protection.
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.—Pilgrimage.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;—Participation.
 Thou anointest my head;—Preparation.
 My cup runneth over.—Plenty.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,—Preservation.
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.—Place.

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FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BODY.

The Tongue. If we belong to God, our tongues belong to Him, and they should be kept, Prov. 21: 23. Wholesome, Prov. 15: 4. Kind, Prov. 31: 26. Soft, Prov. 25: 15. Bridled, James 1: 26.
 The Ears. Four kinds in Bible. Hearing, Prov. 20: 12. Inclined, Prov. 4: 20. Apt, Prov. 23: 12. Attentive, Neh. 8: 3.
 The Eyes. Read about them. Single, Matt. 6: 22. Lifted, Psa. 12: 1. Bountiful, Prov. 22: 9. Seeing, Prov. 20: 12.
 The Feet. To be worthy to stand before Him. Shod, Eph. 6: 15. Unmovable, Psa. 121: 3. Beautiful, Rom. 10: 15.
 The Hands. Four fingers. Clean, Psa. 24: 3, 4. Helpful, Eccles. 9: 10. Diligent, Prov. 12: 24. Wonderful, Acts 5: 12.

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BOYS OF THE BIBLE.

The Cheerful boy. Isaac, Gen. 21: 5. Isaac means "laughing." A joy to his parents, V. 6. A willing, obedient disposition, makes cheerfulness.
 The Ambitious boy. Joseph, Gen. 37: 5-8. Ambition when it is good, is consistent with innocence and purity.
 The Devout boy. Samuel, 1 Sam. 2: 18. The boy who loves God's house and hears God's voice, and who serves God as best he can.
 The Patriotic boy. David, 1 Sam. 17: 40. Who defends his father's flock and his country at the risk of his life.
 The Heroic boy. Daniel, Dan. 1: 8. Brave enough to say No, in a king's palace. Learn to say No, and it will prove to be of more use to you than to read Latin.

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MEANS OF GROWTH.

1. Nourishment. 1 Pet. 2: 2; 1 Cor. 3: 2; Heb. 5: 12, 14.
 2. Air—Holy Spirit. Acts 19: 2.
 3. Exercise. 1 Tim. 4: 7, 8; Lines along which we grow. 2 Pet. 1: 5, 10.

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CLOSET PRAYER.

Outward organization makes corresponding inward prayerfulness necessary, and closet prayer provides for this.

- 1st. Commanded by God. Matt. 6: 6.
- 2nd. Encouraged by God. Jas. 4: 8.
- 3rd. Possible "anywhere" because God will hear "everywhere," 1 Tim. 2: 5, and no priest is needed, 1 Tim. 2: 8.
- 4th. Places that become "closets."
 - A.—Altar, Abraham. Gen. 12: 8.
 - B.—Field, Isaac. Gen. 24: 63.
 - C.—River Crossing, Jacob, Gen. 32: 24-26.
 - D.—Mountain, Moses, Ex. 3: 1-4.
 - E.—Housetop, Peter, Acts 10: 9.
- 5th. Certain hours were had for prayer. Daniel, Dan. 6: 10; David, Psl. 55: 17.
- 6th. A sure promise of help, Isa. 40: 31. They that "wait" on the Lord are helped. It is essential to growth in grace. Pray in the closet and you can pray anywhere. Pray aloud and prayer will mean more to you, and become easier.

H. F. S.

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SERVICE.

1. The need—As great today as when Christ spake these words. Luke 10: 2.
2. The command—His will and wish that we should go and our privilege and honor to go. Matt. 10: 16.
3. Our reply should be—More people are saying, "I cannot" than "Here, Lord, send me." Isaiah 6: 8.
4. Our preparation—Many do not and cannot go because they are unwilling to be purged of the things of dishonor. 2 Tim. 2: 20, 21.
5. The results here—We shall come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. Psa. 126: 5, 6.
6. The results thereafter—We shall hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants." Matt. 25: 23.

Rev. Charles Cullen Smith.

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SEVEN CROWNS.

- Crown of thorns. Curse for sin. Matt. 27: 29.
- Crown of gold. Psa. 21: 3; Rev. 14: 14.
- Crown of life. Reward of enduring temptation. Jas. 1: 12.
- Crown of incorruptibility. Reward of temperance. 1 Cor. 9: 25.
- Crown of righteousness. Reward of loving Christ's appearing. 2 Tim. 4: 8.
- Crown of rejoicing. Reward of soul winners. 1 Thess. 2: 19.
- Crown of glory. Reward of faithful ministry. Dan. 12: 3.

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SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION.

I would not have you ignorant—

1. Concerning God's past dealings with Israel. 1 Cor. 10: 1-11.
2. Israel's future. Rom. 11: 25, 26.
3. The sleeping saints. 1 Thess. 4: 13-16.
4. The day of the Lord. 2 Pet. 3: 8-10.
5. Spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 12: 1.
6. Trials. 2 Cor. 1: 8-10; Phil. 1: 12-14.

Rev. Luther Rees.

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CONSECRATION.

I. What consecration is.

1. Separation. 2 Cor. 6: 16, 17.
2. Dedication. Rom. 6: 13.
3. Active life. Phil. 1: 21.
4. Willingness to bear cross. Luke 9: 23; Matt. 9: 37.

II. Reasons for consecration.

1. God's command. Matt. 12: 30.
2. His right to us—By creation, preservation and redemption.
3. Failure of self-management. Jno. 12: 25.
4. Danger of refusing. Heb. 4: 11.
5. Benefits of—
 1. Sonship. 2 Cor. 6: 16, 17.
 2. Assurance. Rom. 8: 14-16.
 3. Light. Matt. 6: 22, 23.
 4. Holy life. Rom. 6: 13, 14.
 5. God's help. 2 Chron. 16: 9.
 6. Safety. Psa. 91: 1.
 7. Rest. Matt. 11: 29.
 8. Service. 1 Tim. 2: 21.

III. How to consecrate one's self.

1. Make a hearty decision to be the Lord's. Josh. 24: 20.
 2. A willing acceptance of Christ. Isa. 45: 5.
 3. A full dedication to Christ. Rom. 12: 1.
 4. Reckon yourself a dedicated person. Rom. 6: 11.
 5. Claim the Holy Spirit as yours. Gal. 3: 2, 14.
 6. Never reverse your decision or give up your hope. Rom. 8: 31-39.
- Rev. Alex. Patterson.

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RACE OF LIFE.

Prov. 14: 12.

The Eternity Takes—

The start—Born in sin, etc. Psa. 51: 5.

The race—All gone out of the way, etc. Rom. 3: 12.

The finish—After death the judgment, etc. Heb. 9: 27.

The weighing room—Thou art weighed in the balances. Dan. 5: 27.

Settling day—For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Mark 8: 36.

Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., London.

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SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND.

Matt. 7: 7.

God is not only a great giver, but sometimes He is a greater hider of His gifts.

In order to be found, must be sought for.

Seek God and we shall find Him.

Seek His friendship and He will not refuse it.

Seek the Holy Spirit and He will not withhold it.

Seek knowledge and certainty.

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WORK OF GOD IN GENESIS 1.

1. God created. Creation, v. 1.
2. God said. Revelation, v. 2.
3. God saw. Observation, v. 10.
4. God called. Nomination, v. 5.
5. God made. Formation, v. 7.
6. God set. Duration, v. 17.
7. God blessed. Ministration, v. 22.

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SLAVERY TO SONSHIP.

1. Slavery.

Bond-servant slave. John 8: 34; Rom. 6: 16.

One master. Matt. 6: 24.

Wages. Rom. 6: 23; Jas. 1: 15; Job 4: 8.

Works of sin. Gal. 5: 19-21.

Cry for deliverance. Rom. 7: 24.

Answer. Luke 4: 18.

His call. Isa. 45: 22; 52: 2-3; 41: 10.

Free indeed. Jno. 8: 36.

2. Sonship—How secured.

A surrender. Rom. 6: 12, 13.

A new law. Rom. 8: 2.

A new service. Rom. 6: 20-22.

Not works but fruits. Gal. 5: 22, 23.

A word of caution. Gal. 5: 13-16.

Something better than "servants." Jno. 15: 15.

Something better still coming. 1

Gal. 4: 7.

Something better than still coming. 1

Jno. 3: 2.

Finally—"Stand fast." Gal. 5: 1.

Willard Smith.

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PRAYER, ANSWERS TO.

1 Thess. 5: 17.

Jacob wrestles and prevails. Christ is conquered.

Moses cries. The sea divides.

Joshua prays. Achan is discovered.

Hannah prays. Samuel is born.

Asa prays. A victory is gained.

Jehoshaphat cries. God turns away his

foes.

Isaiah and Hezekiah. 185,000 Assyrians are dead in twelve hours.

Daniel prays: Dream is revealed. Lions

are muzzled. Seventy weeks are revealed.

Nehemiah prays. King's heart softened.

Elijah prays. Rain descends apace.

Elijah prays. Drouth of three years.

Elisha prays. Jordan is divided.

Elisha prays. A child's soul comes back.

Prayer reaches eternity.

Apostles pray. The Holy Ghost comes

down.

The church pray. Peter is delivered from

prison.

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OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Before us. Isa. 48: 17; Psa. 139: 5; Isa. 52: 12.

Behind us. Isa. 30: 21; Psa. 139: 5; Isa. 52: 12.

To the right. Psa. 16: 8; 41: 13; Job 23: 9.

To the left. Psa. 18: 35; Job. 23: 9.

Above. Psa. 36: 7.

Beneath. Deut. 33: 27.

Within. 1 Cor. 3: 16; Psa. 125: 2.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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VOICES OF JESUS.

Shepherd's voice—Follow Me.

Master's voice—Occupy.

Savior's voice—Come unto Me.

Teacher's voice—Learn of Me.

Bridegroom's voice—Open to Me.

Friend's voice—Counsel thee.

Physician's voice—Wilt thou be made whole?

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ABRAHAM'S CALL.

Gen. 12: 1-9.

I.—A call to separation. V. 1-3.

1. Was of God. V. 1 cf. Acts 13: 2. (1) Was called out. (2) How are we called out of? Jno. 17: 15.
2. Separated from what. (1) His country represents. a. Material things. b. Sin (idolatry). (2) His family represents. Affections. See Matt. 19: 27; Luke 14: 33.
3. Separation to what? (1) A new country. Our citizenship is in Heaven. See revised version Phil. 3: 20. (2) To a great work. V. 2. (3) To true greatness. V. 2. (4) To God's favor and service.

Note—Such a separation—Consecration.

II.—The Separation. V. 4-6.

1. Was prompt. V. 4.
 2. A result of mature deliberation. V. 5.
 3. Was it complete? V. 5-6.
- Was Lot a blessing or a snare?

III.—The Separated. V. 7-9.

1. Gets a vision of God. V. 7.
2. Gets a blessing from God. V. 7.
3. Comes into fellowship with God. Builds two altars. V. 8, 9.

W. F. Carey.

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BIBLE, ALLS OF THE.

"All things" occur 221 times. Remember that "all" means "all," and not "some." Here are some:

- All things work together, etc. Rom. 8: 28.
 All things are possible, etc. Mark 9: 23.
 All things whatsoever ye ask, etc. Matt. 21: 22.
 I can do all things, etc. Phil. 4: 13.
 Giving thanks for all things, etc. Eph. 5: 20.
 Thirteen "alls" which are very helpful to meditate upon in Psalm 145.
 Casting all your care, etc. 1 Pet. 5: 7.
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. Psa. 121: 7.
 My God shall supply all your need, etc. Phil. 4: 19.
 Christ is all and in all. Col. 3: 11.

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LESSONS FROM PAUL ON GIVING.

2 Cor. 8: 9.

I. Stirs them to liberality. 8: 1-15.

1. By comparing Macedonians.
2. That they may equal their other virtues.
3. By the example of Christ. VV. 9-15.
4. Sends Titus to follow up the work. 8: 16. Personal contact.
5. That Paul be not ashamed for them. 9: 1-5.
6. By results of charitable deeds. 9: 6-15.

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HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER.

Fifth Commandment.—Ex. 20: 12.

How are we to keep this? The noun is obedience, always, readily, cheerfully, and loyally.

Why? Because it is a command, and the blessing that will follow. Long life and prosperity.

A child who disobeys his parents will never prosper.

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SCRIPTURAL GIVING.

1.—Why give?

1. Because we're stewards, not owners. 1 Chron. 29: 14-16; Deut. 8: 18; Hag. 2: 8; Eccl. 5: 19.
2. Because we're commanded. 1 Tim. 6: 17-19; Heb. 13: 16; 2 Cor. 8: 7.
3. Because of Christ's example. 2 Cor. 8: 9.
4. For the sake of our example to others. 2 Cor. 9: 2...
5. For the reflex influence to self. Prov. 11: 25; Isa. 58: 10, 11; Mal. 3: 10.

2.—How get to give?

1. We get by gifts and labor.
2. David's resolution. 2 Sam. 24: 24.
3. We are to work. Acts 20: 35; Eph. 4: 28.

4. Lay by in store. 1 Cor. 16: 2.

3.—Give how much?

1. As the Lord hath prospered. 1 Cor. 16: 2.
2. It means a certain, varying per cent. 2 Cor. 8: 12-15.

4.—Give when?

1. When we see need. Eph. 4: 28.
2. When we appear before the Lord. Deut. 16: 16.

M. M. Smyser.

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ABRAHAM'S BELIEVING PILGRIMAGE.

Heb. 11: 8-10.

I. Abraham believed God.

II. Abraham forsook all for God.

1. He gave up what he possessed for that which was promised.
2. He gave up the present for the future.

III. He went where God directed. True religion has—

1. An ear to listen to God.
2. Feet of cheerful obedience.
3. Unsuspecting surrender of all into the Lord's hands.

IV. Abraham considered himself a stranger, and looked for a more fixed and abiding habitation.

Application.

1. Have we obeyed God, and given up the sinful pursuits of the present world?
2. Are we walking by faith or sight?
3. Urge all to set out, and believers to persevere, etc.

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GROWTH IN STRENGTH.

1. Strong to resist sin. Psa. 119: 9; Eph. 6: 13.
2. Strong to help others. Gal. 6: 1, 2; Rom. 15: 1.
3. Strong in trouble. Job 23: 12.
4. Strong to know and carry out His plans. Matt. 23: 37; Jno. 3: 16; 2 Pet. 3: 9; Mark 16: 15; Luke 19: 10; 1 Tim. 2: 4; 1 Tim. 1: 15.

Rev. Hay Bell.

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GENEROSITY, REASONS FOR CHRISTIAN

2 Cor. 9: 7.

Devise liberal things, and by liberal things you shall stand.

The state of the world requires it.

The Church calls for it.

The Christians of apostolic times ask for it. Promises and prospects of prophecy invite it.

Divine command.

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EPHESIANS.

Written from Rome 62 A. D.

Subject: The new humanity created in Christ.

Introductory. Ch. 1: 1, 2.

Part 1. Doctrinal. Chs. 1: 3-3.

1. Praise for the origin of the new humanity in Christ. 1: 3-14.

2. Prayer for the development of the new humanity in Christ. 1: 15; 2: 10.

3. Privileges of the Gentiles in Christ. 2: 11-22.

4. Paul, the prisoner, permitted to make known this profound mystery to the Gentiles. 3: 1-13.

5. Petition for their being filled with all the fulness of God, with sublime doxology. 3: 14-21.

Part 2. Practical. Chaps. 4-6.

1. Unity of this new humanity based on same doctrines, rites, ministry. 4: 1-16.

2. Obligations of this new humanity to men and to God. 4: 17; 5: 21.

3. Duties of this new humanity, as husbands, wives, parents, children, masters and slaves. 5: 22; 6: 9.

4. Panoply of this new humanity. 6: 10-20.

5. Requests for prayer and conclusion. 6: 21-24.

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Prof. G. A. Funkhouser.

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PRAISE.

Psa. 50: 24.

The first song of creation. Job 38: 7.

The first song of redemption. Luke 2: 13; 14: 20.

The first part of worship. Luke 24: 53; Acts 2: 47.

The first testimony of the saved. Acts 3: 8, 9.

A powerful testimony to the unsaved. Acts 16: 25.

The employment of heaven. Rev. 19: 5.

It is a sacrifice to be offered continually. Heb. 13: 15.

C. E. Paxton.

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PRAYER HABIT.

Prayer was the habit of—

David. Psa. 55: 17. "Evening, morn and noon."

Daniel. Dan. 6: 2. "As he did afore time."

Jesus. Luke 4: 16. "As his custom was."

Paul. 2 Tim. 1: 3. "Prayers day and night."

A. H. Whitford.

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A SEVENFOLD ASPECT OF THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

"Salt of the earth." Matt. 5: 13.

"Light of the world." Matt. 5: 14.

"A city set on a hill." Matt. 5: 14.

"Epistles of Christ." 2 Cor. 3: 3.

"Fruit-bearing branches." Jno. 15: 8.

"Witnesses." Isa. 43: 10.

"Servants." Jno. 13: 16.

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MISSIONARY THEME.

Four "Hows" of Rom. 10: 14, 15.

1.—"How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

The deepest need of the unsaved—

1. To know God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jno. 3: 16, 17.

2. To know Jesus Christ as the only begotten of the Father. Jno. 1: 14; Heb. 1: 2, 3.

3. To know the Holy Spirit as the revealer of all truth. Jno. 16: 13.

4. They already know that they are sinners. Rom. 1: 32.

5. They need to know the Saviour. Jno. 12: 32.

2.—"How shall they hear without a preacher?"

1. God has ordained that man should bear the message of salvation. Rom. 10: 17.

2. He thus manifests His word. Titus 1: 3.

3. It pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save men. 1 Cor. 1: 21.

4. For this Jesus ordained men. Mark 3: 14.

5. He commands them to witness. Acts 1: 8.

3.—"How shall they preach except they be sent?"

1. Every believer is sent. Jno. 17: 18.

2. Commanded to go. Mark 15: 15.

3. He has committed to him the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5: 19.

4. They need also to be sent by the brethren. Acts 13: 3.

5. They need the gifts of God's people. 1 Cor. 9: 14.

6. They also need their prayers. 1 Thess. 5: 25.

4.—"How beautiful the feet of those who preach the Gospel."

1. They are angels (messengers) of God. Psa. 104: 4.

2. They follow in the steps of Jesus. Isa. 61: 1; Luke 4: 18, 19; Song of Sol. 7: 1; Eph. 6: 15.

3. Nothing more beautiful in God's sight. Rev. T. C. Horton.

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JOHN 3: 36.

1.—Safety of believers:

1. Who are safe? "He that believeth."

2. Why are they safe? "In the Son."

3. When are they safe? "Believeth—hath."

2.—Ruin of unbelievers:

1. No restoration. "Shall not see life."

2. No annihilation. "Wrath of God abideth."

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SALUTE NO MAN BY THE WAY.

Luke 10: 4.

1. Be absorbingly in earnest.

2. Beware of social conventionalities. "Be ye separate."

3. Have but one purpose, to win men to Christ. "This one thing I do."

Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D.

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THE THREE PROCLAMATIONS.

1. "Peace on earth" (below). Luke 2: 14.

2. "Peace in heaven" (above). Luke 19: 38.

3. "Peace unto you" (within). Luke 24: 36.

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REWARDS FOR SERVICE.

A sweet thought, God sees every service and promises a reward. 2 Chron. 16: 9; Prov. 15: 3. Beholding good and evil, to forgive and forget one and reward the other. Isa. 43: 25; Heb. 6: 10.

1. Rewards are not salvation, but something more, to be given after the soul has come into the presence of Christ. Salvation is a gift. Rom. 6: 23; Jno. 10: 27, 28; Eph. 2: 8, 9. Not of works, lest we boast. Grace means unmerited favor.

2. Some are to be saved and have a reward, and others saved but have no reward. 1 Cor. 3: 11-15. If work abides, he shall receive a reward. V. 14. If work burned, suffer loss, but be saved. V. 15.

3. Different kinds of reward. Matt. 10: 41, 42. "Righteous man's," prophets, servant's (giving a cup of water). Crown of righteousness, 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, reward for holy living. Crown of rejoicing, 1 Thess. 2: 19, 20, for winning souls. Crown of glory, 1 Pet. 5: 4, for teaching and feeding souls. Crown of life, Jas. 1: 12; Rev. 2: 10, for suffering.

4. When are rewards to be given? When Christ comes for his saints. Matt. 16: 27; Rev. 22: 12. Three of the crowns are spoken of in connection with His coming. 2 Cor. 5: 10.

The Christian not to be judged for sins (Christ's death was for this. John 5: 24. See revised version), but as to how he has served Christ. H. F. S.

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FLOWERS.

Cant. 2: 12.

Facts concerning flowers.

Flowers are frail. Baby can pluck, a frost can kill.

Flowers are lovely. God's kindness to men.

Flowers are odoriferous. Sweet perfume rising to the praise of their Maker.

Flowers are witnesses of God's care and power.

Flowers are employed by men—sick-rooms and token of love.

Flowers are real as distinguished from artificial. Hypocrisy must be absent. We should grow in beauty.

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REMEDY FOR SIN.

1. The only remedy. Heb. 9: 22. With-out—No.

2. A certain remedy. Heb. 9: 14. How much more.

3. A thorough remedy. 1 Jno. 1: 7. From all sin.

4. A quick remedy. Luke 8: 44. Immediately.

5. A free remedy. Isa. 55: 1. Without money and without price.

Henry J. Petran.

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PERFECTION OF JESUS.

In Him was no sin. 1 Jno. 3: 5.

He knew no sin. 2 Cor. 5: 21.

He did no sin. 1 Pet. 2: 22.

He was without sin. Heb. 4: 15.

And yet He, "His own self, bare our sins in His own body on the tree." 1 Pet. 2: 24.

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NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER.

Neh. 1, 2: 1-8.

An example of prayer.

1. It was unselfish—for his nation and countrymen, and benefiting himself only remotely.

2. It was earnest—accompanied by mourning and fasting and continuing day and night.

3. It was humble—accompanied by confession of sin.

4. It was hopeful—based on (1) clear apprehension of God's faithfulness and mercy, and (2) a special divine promise to the repentant and obedient.

5. It was practical—a point to it and particular object in view. 1: 11.

6. It was stimulating—inspiring Nehemiah himself to take steps towards answering his own prayer. 2: 5.

7. It was successful—"And the king granted me." 2: 8.

8. It was God-glorifying—"According to the good hand of my God upon me." 2: 8. James M. Gray.

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"CALLED."

Called to be saints. 1 Cor. 1: 2.

Called you unto His kingdom and glory. 1 Thess. 2: 12.

Called to the obtaining of the glory. 2 Thess. 2: 14.

Called unto the fellowship of His Son. 1 Cor. 1: 9.

Called us with an holy calling. 2 Tim. 1: 9.

Called us unto holiness. 1 Thess. 4: 7.

Called to walk worthily. Eph. 4: 1.

Called that the name of the Lord Jesus may be glorified in you. 2 Thess. 1: 11.

Called—heavenly. Heb. 3: 1.

Called to inherit blessing. 1 Pet. 3: 9.

Called, them He also justified. Rom. 8: 30. Called not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles. Rom. 9: 24.

C. E. Paxton.

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SHEPHERD PSALM—23d.

I shall not want—

1. For food (green pastures). V. 2; Jno. 6: 35.

2. For drink (still waters). V. 2; Jno. 4: 14.

3. For strength (restoreth my soul). V. 3; Isa. 40: 31.

4. For guidance (He leadeth me). V. 3; Jno. 10: 3, 4.

5. For comfort (comforteth me). V. 4; Jno. 16: 18.

6. For satisfaction (my cup runneth over). V. 5; Psa. 65: 3.

7. For life (dwelleth in the house). V. 6; Jno. 10: 28.

Hugh B. Thompson.

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CREATION, LESSONS FROM THE NARRATIVE OF.

1. Begin despite difficulty and absence of helpers.

2. Do your work by degrees.

3. Rise to higher things as you proceed, and keep due order.

4. Do only what you declare to be good.

5. Persevere till you have completed it.

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MISSIONARY THEME.

- "The field is the world." Matt. 13: 38.
- 1.—The field in its beauty.
See it as the paradise of God. Gen. 1: 26-31; Jer. 10: 12.
 - 2.—The field blighted.
See what sin has wrought.
 1. Spoiled by satan. Rom. 5: 12.
 2. Lying in the wicked one. 1 John 5: 19.
 3. Guilty before God. Rom. 3: 19.
 4. Groaning unto God. Rom. 8: 22.
 - 3.—The field beloved.
See how God loved it, though steeped in wickedness. John 3: 16, 17; 1 John 4: 9.
 - 4.—The field bought back.
See how God valued the treasure in it, which was his reason for purchasing it. Matt. 13: 44; John 1: 29.
The price paid for it. Matt. 13: 44, 1. c.; 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19.
 - 5.—The field bequeathed.
See how the Lord betowed it upon His disciples, as a place to sow and reap, to gather a harvest for His glory. John 10: 36.
 1. As witnesses. Acts 1: 8.
 2. As evangelists. Mark 16: 15.
 3. As Saviors. John 17: 18.
 4. As soul winners. Dan. 12: 3.
- All who are faithful servants help to bring about the consummation of God's desire, the filling of the whole world with His glory. Isa. 55: 10-13; Rev. 21: 23-27.

T. C. Horton.

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INFINITE LOVE AND POWER.

Eph. 3: 12-21.

- The Ephesians are the Alps of the New Testament.
Every chapter presents a peak in divine landscape.
Infinite love. Infinite power.
Length, no beginning, no end. Breadth, back into past. Forward, into eternal future. Depth is measured by the abyss into which it descended to raise us. Height is seen in the exalted heaven into which it lifts redeemed sinners. Unfathomable.
From love to power.

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LEPROSY, A TYPE OF SIN.

1. Begins small. Num. 32: 23; 1 Cor. 5: 6.
2. Causes separation. Num. 5: 2-4; Isa. 59: 2.
3. It is unclean. Isa. 1: 4-6; Luke 17: 11-19.
4. Contagious. Prov. 4: 14, 15; Eph. 5: 11.
5. Incurable. Jer. 13: 23.
6. Proves fatal. Rom. 6: 23; 5: 12; Jas. 1: 15.
7. Can be healed by Christ. Heb. 9: 22; 1 Jno. 1: 7.

Rev. H. E. Buffum, Ph. D.

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INFLUENCE.

- All have it. Matt. 25: 14, 15.
It is powerful. Gen. 32: 28.
It is boundless. Isa. 30: 21.
It is good or bad. 2 Cor. 5: 10.
It must be accounted for. Rom. 14: 12.

S. K. McKee.

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SALVATION.

- 1.—Is threefold:
 1. We were saved, at conversion, from the penalty of sin.
 2. We are being saved daily from the power of sin.
 3. We will be saved after this life from the presence of sin.
- 2.—First sense—We were saved.
 1. From what? Ezek. 18: 4; Rom. 6: 23.
 2. What did Christ do? Rom. 5: 8; 1 Pet. 2: 24.
 3. What did we do? Jno. 5: 24; Rom. 5: 1.
 4. Our assurance. Jno. 20: 31; 1 Jno. 5: 13.
- 3.—Second sense—We are being saved.
 1. From what? Rom. 6: 12-14; Rom. 8: 12.
 2. What does Christ do? Rom. 8: 9-10; Rom. 8: 34.
 3. What must we do? Rom. 6: 11; 1 Pet. 2: 11; Gal. 5: 16, 17; Jno. 8: 31, 32; Matt. 6: 13 (pray).
 4. Our assurance. Jude 24 (R. V.).
- 4.—Third sense—We will be saved.
 1. From what? Rev. 21: 27; Heb. 9: 28.
 2. What will Christ do? Phil. 1: 23, or 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17.
 3. What must we do? 1 Pet. 1: 5 (R. V.).
 4. The assurance. Jno. 14: 1-3.

M. Mosser Smyser.

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WALKING WITH GOD.

Introduction. We read of walking before, after, and with God. In the first we have the thought of perfection. Gen. 17: 11. In the second, obedience. Deut. 13: 4. But in the third, of friendship and fellowship. Gen. 5: 25.

- I. God wants us to walk with Him. 1 Cor. 1: 9; 1 Jno. 1: 3; Matt. 11: 28. The yoke suggests two united.
- II. Conditions.
 1. Acquaintance. Job 22: 21.
 2. Agreement. Amos 3: 3.
- III. How are we to walk?
 1. By faith. 2 Cor. 5: 7.
 2. In the light. 1 Jno. 1: 7.
 3. In newness of life. Rom. 6: 4.
 4. In the spirit. Gal. 5: 16.
 5. In love. Eph. 5: 1, 2.
 6. Circumspectly. Eph. 5: 15, 16.
 7. Worthily. Eph. 4: 1.

H. F. S.

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COVENANTS OF MAN WITH MAN TOWARDS GOD.

The covenant of union. Jer. 50: 5.
The covenant of separation. Ezra. 10: 8.
The covenant of search. 2 Chron. 15: 12.
The covenant of obedience. 2 Kings 23: 3.
The covenant of walk. Neh. 10: 29.
The covenant of service. Josh. 24: 25.
The covenant of possession. 2 Kings 11: 17.

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MY SON, GIVE ME THINE HEART.

Prov. 23: 26.

What it means to give God our hearts. To guide our life.

Why we should give God our hearts. Because He has the best and only right to them; because He can make the best use of them; and because He can make them clean and holy, as well as happy.

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CROOKED THINGS STRAIGHTENED.

Eccles. 1: 15.

A tree in its infancy can be trained.

We are all born with crooked hearts prone to sin.

Like the tree or clay, the longer we are left to our way, the more difficult to bend or mould.

How are we to get straight? Think of what man ought to be in God's sight. Luke 1: 15.

Money makes people great in the sight of man. But obedience to God ennobles man.

Matt. 6: 28.

Lesson of its growth.

Lesson of its humility (pointing out where it grows, and the attitude it assumes).

Lesson of its contentment.

Lesson of its beauty. Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

As God's workmanship reveals the fountain of life and being. Embody and express divine conception, thoughts, and ideas of God. God's care. No flowers without divine care, proof of that is in their perfection.

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THE CHRISTIAN A NEW CREATURE.

1. The fact stated. 2 Cor. v. 17.

2. The necessity. Jno. 3: 3.

3. The nature of the new life. (1) The author. Jno. 3: 5-8. (2) Spiritual not carnal. Rom. 8: 5-9. (3) Received by faith. Gal. 2: 20. (4) A present possession. John 6: 47. (5) Not self-pleasing. 2 Cor. v. 14-17. (6) Progressive. Eph. 4: 12-16.

4. Duties of the new creature: (1) Believe. 2 Thes. 2: 13. (2) Led by the Spirit. Rom. 8: 14. (3) Follow Christ, not the world. Mat. 10: 38. (4) Obedience to Christ. Jno. 15: 14. (5) Shine in good works. 1 Pet. 2: 12. (6) Be strong. Eph. 6: 10. (7) Be perfect in every good work. Heb. 13: 20, 21.

5. Rewards: (1) Peace with God. Rom. 5: 1. (2) The peace of God in the soul. Phil. 4: 7. (3) Comfort in sorrow. 2 Cor. 2: 16, 17. (4) Joy. 1 Pet. 1: 5-10. (5) Hope. Rom. 5: 2-6. (6) Share with Christ in His glory. Jno. 17: 24. Rom. 8: 17.

H. M. Morey.

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LUKE THE COMPANION OF PAUL.

"Luke is with me." 2 Tim. 4: 2.

His companion in—

1. Effort. Acts 16: 10.
2. Testimony. Acts 16: 13.
3. Prayer. Acts 16: 16.
4. Travel. Acts 16: 2.
5. Hospitality. Acts 21: 8.
6. Tribulation. Acts 27: 18.
7. Exile. Acts 28: 16.

Henry Thorne.

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- AGAINST AND FOR GOD.

Gen. 11: 6; All one language—Union in the flesh.

Acts 2: 6; His own language—Union in the Spirit.

Rev. 7: 9; All tongues—Union in the Glory.

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RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

Luke 24: 34.

1. Its importance. 1 Cor. 15: 14.

People speak of "different views." Here is a divine fact. The resurrection is the staple truth of the sermons in the Acts.

2. Its reality. Luke 24: 39.

His wounds were proof that He was risen from the dead, and in the same body in which He had been crucified. Three blessed realities hang on the reality of His resurrection: A great salvation. Heb. 2: 3. A great High Priest. Heb. 4: 14. A great Shepherd. Heb. 12: 20.

3. Its power. Phil. 3: 10.

Their knowledge of the fact led them to desire to experience the power. The power of the resurrection may be considered under two aspects—the Priesthood of Christ, and His advocacy. Having accomplished redemption, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High (Heb. 1: 3) to present our prayers and praises. Hence our power and liberty to draw near. As to the defilement of our walk, He is our advocate with the Father. Rom. 8: 10, 11.

Do we know the power of His resurrection?

Geo. W. Heatley.

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SOMETHING WORTH HAVING.

1. Faith in God. Mark 11: 22; Heb. 11: 6; Rom. 10: 17.

2. Redemption. Eph. 1: 6, 7; 1 Pet. 1: 13-20; 1 Pet. 2: 24.

3. Peace with God. Rom. 5: 1. Contrast unsaved. Isa. 57: 20, 21.

4. Boldness. Heb. 10: 19. In and out. Jno. 10: 10.

5. An advocate. 1 Jno. 2: 1, 2; Heb. 4: 15, 16; 7: 25.

6. The promises of God. 2 Pet. 1: 4; Luke 15: 31; Phil. 4: 19; 2 Cor. 7: 1.

8. The same kind of joy that Jesus had. Jno. 17: 13; Jno. 15: 9-11; Heb. 12: 1, 2; Rom. 15: 13; Neh. 8: 10.

Oh! the joy of knowing that I am pleasing God. Jno. 8: 29.

When we please Him He lets us know it. Heb. 11: 4, 5.

Forgiveness for the past, grace for the present, glory for the future. Surely this is worth having.

Robert L. Layfield.

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CHRISTIANS AS LIGHTS.

Phil. 2: 15.

Privilege to shine. Matt. 5: 14; John 8: 12. Light shines into them. Psa. 119: 130.

Are called to shine. 1 John 1: 7.

Responsibility—Give out light. Matt. 5: 15. Not hide. Matt. 5: 16.

For others. Acts. 13: 47.

Power—Not self. Matt. 5: 16.

Lightbearer. Phil. 2: 15.

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WHOM WE ARE TO LOVE.

1. The Lord God. Deut. 6: 5.

2. Our brother. Jno. 4: 21.

3. Our wives. Eph. 5: 25.

4. Our neighbors. Matt. 22: 39.

5. The stranger. Deut. 10: 19.

6. Our enemies. Matt. 5: 44.

C. W. Dietrich.

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THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURE.

2 Tim. 2: 16, 17; 2 Pet. 1: 21; Rom. 15: 4; 1 Cor. 10: 11.

The law inspired.

Ex. 4: 10-12; Luke 24: 25-27-44; Acts 28: 22, 23; Jno. 5: 39, 45-47; Acts 24: 14; Hob. 10: 28; Mark 7: 9-13; Acts 3: 22, 23; Ex. 20: 1; Isa. 8: 20; Luke 16: 29-31; Acts 26: 22, 23; Jno. 17: 8, 14.

The Psalms inspire.

2 Sam. 23: 1, 2; Ps. 32: 1, 2; Rom. 4: 6-8; Acts 1: 16; Ps. 2: 1, 2; Acts 4: 23-26; Ps. 41: 9; Ps. 2: 7; Heb. 1: 5; Acts 13: 32, 33; Jno. 13: 18; Ps. 110: 1; Mark 12: 35-37.

The prophets inspired.

Jer. 1: 6-9; Acts 28: 22, 23; Luke 24: 25-27-44; Matt. 2: 1-6; Luke 1: 68-70; Acts 28: 22-23-25-26; Mic. 5: 2; Matt. 12: 39, 40; Acts 3: 19-23; Jonah 1: 17; Jno. 20: 25-27; Acts 24: 14; Heb. 1: 1; Ps. 22: 16.

The New Testament writers inspired.

Acts 2: 4; 1 Cor. 14: 37; 1 Thess. 4: 15; 2 Pet. 3: 1, 2, 14-16; Gal. 1: 1, 8-20; Matt. 10: 16-20, 40; Luke 10: 16; 1 Pet. 1: 1-12; Jno. 16: 12, 13; 1 Cor. 2: 9-14; 1 Thess. 2: 13; Eph. 3: 1-5; 1 Cor. 9: 1, 2; Jno. 14: 16.

Robt. Garry.

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THE HEART.

1 Sam. 16: 7.

1. What God says about it.
Every imagination is evil. Gen. 6: 5.
Heart is far from me. Matt. 15: 8.
Full of Evil. Ecl. 9: 3.
Deceitful and desperately wicked. Jer. 17: 9.
Out of the heart proceed, etc. Matt. 15: 18, 19.
Carnal mind is enmity. Rom. 8: 7.
2. What it should be.
Clean. Ps. 51: 10.
Pure. Matt. 5: 8.
Broken and contrite. Ps. 51: 17.
Meek and lowly. Matt. 11: 29.
3. How secured.
By prayer, "Create in me." Ps. 51: 10.
I will be enquired of. Eze. 36: 37.
By faith. Acts. 15: 9.
By surrender, "Give me." Prov. 23: 26.
By acceptance, "I will give." Eze. 36: 26.
George A. Hall.

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REST IN THE LORD.

Psa. 37: 7.

1. In God the understanding finds rest.
2. Let intellect, judgment, and reason rest in God.
3. Rest of the affections. Care burdened. Weariness will come. Work brings it; cross brings it. Dr. Preston, when dying, said, "I change my place, but not my company. Whilst here I have sometimes walked with God, but now I go to rest with Him for ever."

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SONGS.

Of creation. Job 38: 7.
Of redemption. Ps. 40: 3.
Of service. 2 Chron. 20: 21; Acts 16: 25.
Of triumph. Rev. 15: 3.
Even nature sings. Ps. 65: 8, margin.
Walter C. Veazie.

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GOD'S WORK AND HIS WORKMEN.

Study of Luke 24: 44-53.

1. The Preparation Needed.
 - (1) Personal acquaintance with Christ. V. 44.
 - (2) Personal knowledge of the Scriptures. V. 45.
 - (3) Personal Enduement by the Spirit. V. 49.
2. The Means Employed.
 - (1) A crucified Redeemer. V. 46.
 - (2) A preached gospel. V. 47.
 - (3) A witnessing church. V. 48.
3. The Assurance of Success.
 - (1) The promise of the Father. V. 49.
 - (2) The exaltation of the Son. V. 51.
 - (3) The gift of the Spirit. V. 49.
4. Apostolic Characteristics.
 - (1) Thankfulness to God.
 - (2) Faith in Christ and His word.
 - (3) Dependence upon the Holy Spirit.
 - (4) Fidelity to the trust committed.

W. B. Jacobs.

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CEDAR TREE, LESSONS FROM.

Psa. 92: 12.

Points for Christians.

Excellent figure as to growth symmetrical consistency in life.

Majesty. Branches spread. Christians should shelter and protect.

Found in all countries. So grace should and does help all men everywhere to live Christian lives. Instance, Fiji, Africa, Greenland, and China.

Strongest of trees. Abiding, old age.

Fragrant. Scent of Lebanon reaches a long way. So Christians by their lives diffuse their influences. Felt presences useful.

Useful. Largely used for pencils, etc. So Christians should be useful in all ways and purposes.

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OUR DUTIES TO RULERS.

Under the theocracy the duty of God's people to rulers and their relations to the state were somewhat different from duties and relations now in the "Times of the Gentiles."

Four duties are plainly taught in the New Testament.

1. We should pray for our rulers. 1 Tim. 2: 1-3.
 2. We should honor rulers. 1 Pet. 2: 17.
 3. We should obey them when the law of God does not forbid. Rom. 13: 1-7.
 4. We should pay taxes. Matt. 17: 24-27.
- All other duties must be learned by inference; there are no further commands. Our highest citizenship is in Heaven. Phil. 3: 20.
E. P. Marvin.

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THE CRIES OF JESUS.

Psa. 69: 3.

1. The awakening cry. Jno. 7: 28.
2. The inviting cry. Jno. 7: 38.
3. The testifying cry. Jno. 12: 44, 45.
4. The life giving cry. Jno. 11: 43.
5. The agonizing cry. Matt. 27: 46.
6. The satisfying cry. Jno. 19: 30; Matt. 27: 50, 51.
7. The victorious cry. 1 Thess. 4: 16-18.
My cry to the unsaved is Acts 16: 31.
My cry to the saved is Eph. 5: 18.

Robt. L. Layfield.

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CAN I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

1. "The wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err." The Bible is for the human understanding. It is a light shining in a dark place. It enables us to understand much that would otherwise be mysterious.

2. Certain passages you cannot but understand. Thus: "Cease to do evil, learn to do well," "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart."

3. Some may be made clear in the light of others.

4. You can understand enough to make you wise unto salvation.

5. If there is anything that you do not understand, it is what you do not yet need.

6. Like anything else, the Bible may be understood better the more it is studied.

7. Much depends upon the spirit with which you approach the Bible. If you want to understand it and are willing to know what it teaches, you will have the light; if otherwise you have theories with which you are not willing to part, and are not willing to accept the testimony of God's Word, you cannot understand the Scriptures.

8. Much depends on your willingness to be led by the Bible and to follow its teachings. "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." But if a man has no desire to live according to the truth, he will not see the truth.

9. If you are willing to follow the light that you now have, to accept what you do understand and to live by it, you will have more light. A man should never complain of the mysteries of the Bible who is making no use of what is not mysterious.

10. What thou knowest not now, thou shalt know hereafter.

11. You should always remember that there is nothing which you perfectly understand. "We know in part." In all things man is compelled to act on the partial knowledge which he possesses; the results justify this decision, and this brings still further knowledge, which is additionally useful.

12. God's Spirit is necessary to the adequate understanding of the Bible. The God of this world has blinded our eyes; but the Spirit will lead us into all truth. If one cares enough for the truth to ask God to make it known to him in order that he may follow it, he will understand the Bible.

Rev. W. A. Sunday.

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SCRIPTURE EMBLEMS.

1. Lamp, lantern, light. *Psa.* 119: 105; *Prov.* 6: 23.
2. Fire. *Jer.* 23: 29.
3. Hammer. *Jer.* 23: 29.
4. Sharp sword. *Eph.* 6: 17; *Heb.* 4: 12.
5. Graft. *Jas.* 1: 21.
6. Glass mirror. *Jas.* 1: 23, 24.
7. Pure milk. *1 Pet.* 2: 2.
8. Food of the soul. *Jer.* 15: 16.

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SALVATION OF GRACE.

- How obtained. *Eph.* 2: 8.
 How known. *1 Jno.* 5: 13.
 How shewn. *Jas.* 2: 18.
 How enjoyed. *Jno.* 15: 11.

Walter Veazie.

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EPISTLE OF JAMES.

Author, our Lord's real brother, James the Just, A. D. 45.

Subject: The Perfect Man.

Greeting. *Ch.* 1: 1.

Perfect under discouragements. *1: 2-11.*

Perfect in temptations. *12-18.*

Perfect in hearing and doing. *19-27.*

Perfect in avoiding partiality. *2: 1-13.*

Perfect in works evidencing faith. *14-26.*

Perfect in use of the tongue. *3: 1-12.*

Perfect in wisdom. *13-18.*

Perfect in pleasures and desires. *4: 1-10.*

Perfect in judging. *11, 12.*

Perfect in submission to God. *13-17.*

Perfect in not loving the world. *5: 1-6.*

Perfect in waiting for Christ. *7-11.*

Perfect in communications. *12.*

Perfect in faith. *13-18.*

Conclusion: The great mission of the perfect man. *19, 20.*

Prof. G. A. Funkhouser.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Eph. 4: 4-6.

1. One body. *Eph.* 1: 23; *Rom.* 12: 5; *1 Cor.* 12: 12, 13.

2. One spirit. *1 Cor.* 12: 4, 7-11.

3. One hope. *Eph.* 1: 13; *Tit.* 2: 13.

4. One Lord. *Phil.* 2: 11; *Col.* 1: 18; *1 Cor.* 12: 5.

5. One faith. *Eph.* 4: 13; *Tit.* 1: 4.

6. One baptism. *Gal.* 3: 27; *Matt.* 28: 19; *Rom.* 6: 3, 4.

7. One God and Father. *1 Cor.* 8: 6; *1 Cor.* 12: 6. Therefore, *Eph.* 1: 3; *Jno.* 17: 23.

Rev. H. P. Welton, D. D.

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SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Tim. 2: 2.

Volunteers. *Heb.* 11: 25.

Uniformed. *Phil.* 3: 9; *Rev.* 3: 4.

Armed. *Eph.* 6: 11, 18.

Drilled. *Eph.* 6: 13.

Ready to advance on the enemy. *Ex.* 14: 15.

Endurance. *2 Tim.* 2: 3.

Victorious. *2 Tim.* 4: 7; *Rom.* 8: 37.

A grand review. *Rev.* 7: 13, 15.

Rev. Hay Bell.

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HEAVENLY VISION, THE.

Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. *Acts* 26: 19.

1. The heavenly vision was a revelation of self and sin.

2. A revelation of Christ.

3. A revelation of duty.

4. Its effect upon character.

5. The life of him who is thus obedient.

6. The objections of those who endeavor to measure eternal issues by temporal standards.

7. "I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest."

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"ABLE."

1. The Saviour's power. "Able to keep." *Jude* 24.

2. The believer's prayer. "Able to do." *Eph.* 3: 20.

3. The Father's pleasure. "Able to make." *2 Cor.* 9: 8.

James Sprunt.

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DANCING.

It is one thing to be saved and another thing to live right. Among the many amusements, nothing influences for evil as much as the dance. It is the queen of amusements. What is the Christian's relation to it? Let us look at the Christian's calling:

1. Not of this world. Jno. 15: 19.
2. Called to a separation equal to Christ's. Jno. 17: 16.
3. Our citizenship transferred to Heaven. Phil. 3: 20. "Conversation" is "Citizenship." See R. V.
4. Called to be separated. 2 Cor. 6: 12.
5. Be not conformed. Rom. 12: 2.
6. No man can serve two masters. Matt. 6: 24.

As the dance of today is worldly, the Christian, who is called out of the world, ought not to have anything to do with it.

If the Christian dances, he is—

1. Unequally yoked. 2 Cor. 6: 14, 15.
2. The enemy of Christ. Jas. 4: 4.
3. Lacking love for Christ. 1 Jno. 2: 15.
4. Feeding the flesh. Rom. 13: 14.
5. Showing an appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5: 22.

The spirit of the gospel is a willingness to give up anything that causes others to stumble. 1 Cor. 8: 13; 1 Cor. 6: 12; Rom. 14: 21.

Not what harm in the dance, but what good? H. F. S.

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CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Jno. 6: 25-35.

Eat to live, but do not live to eat. V. 27. Spiritual interest should be supreme. V. 27. The seal of God is the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are saved by God's mercy, not by our merit; by Christ's dying, not by our doing. V. 29.

The foundation of everything is taking Christ at His word. V. 29. 2 Pet. 1: 5-7.

It is the glory of God to give. V. 32.

Jesus Himself is the answer to every cry of the soul. V. 35.

The worldling is satiated, only the believer is satisfied. V. 35.

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FAITH BY, AND IN FAITH.

Access by faith. Rom. 5: 2.

Justified by faith. Rom. 5: 1.

Live by faith. Gal. 2: 20.

Walk by faith. 2 Cor. 5: 7.

Sanctified by faith. Acts 26: 18.

Purified by faith. Acts 15: 9.

Ask in faith. Jas. 1: 6.

Resist in faith. 1 Pet. 5: 9.

Boldness in faith. 1 Tim. 3: 13.

Continue in faith. 1 Tim. 2: 15.

Rich in faith. Jas. 2: 5.

Died in faith. Heb. 11: 13.

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HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

The Father. Matt. 6: 9.

The Mother. Rev. 21: 9; Isa. 66: 13.

The Children. Gal. 3: 26; Rom. 8: 16, 17.

The Home (household, meaning held together by one house). Jno. 14: 2, 3; Rev.

21: 1, 4; Rev. 22: 1, 5.

Rev. Hay Bell.

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THE LORD'S COMING.

Its practical bearing—

1. Upon creation. Rom. 8: 19-23; Isa. 35: 1; 55: 13.

2. Upon the Gentiles or nations. Isa. 11: 4; Acts 15: 16-17; Jer. 3: 17; Zech. 14: 16.

3. Upon Israel. Rom. 11: 26; Jer. 16: 14, 15; Rom. 11: 1; Isa. 8: 23; 12: 10.

4. Upon the believer. Salvation not complete until He comes. 1 Pet. 1: 3-5; Rom. 8: 23; Phil. 3: 20, 21.

1. It is the blessed hope. Tit. 2: 13.

2. A source of comfort. 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

3. Purifies. Col. 3: 1-5; 1 John 3: 2-3.

4. Should make believer patient. Jas. 5: 7, 8; Heb. 10: 36, 37.

5. Charitable. 1 Cor. 4: 5.

6. Sincere. Phil. 1: 9-10.

7. Faithful. 2 Tim. 4: 1, 2; Luke 12: 43.

8. Yielding and Moderate. Phil. 4: 5.

9. Watchful and sober. 1 Pet. 4: 7.

10. Abiding. 1 John 2: 28.

11. Sustains in tribulation. 1 Pet. 1: 7; 4: 13.

12. An incentive to holiness and separation. 2 Pet. 3: 10-12; Tit. 2: 11-13.

Rev. Luther Rees.

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REASONS FOR JOINING THE CHURCH.

1. If you are saved, it is God's order that you go into the church. Acts 2: 4-7.

2. You do not get the sweets of Christian life until you do. Psal. 55: 14.

3. You will not grow much as a Christian until you do. Psal. 92: 13.

4. Christ loved it so that He gave Himself for it, and if you love Him you will love the church enough to join it. Eph. 5: 25-27.

5. If you are going to heaven, you will want to go with as many of God's people as possible, and you will find them in church. Num. 10: 29.

6. The church belongs to God, and if you belong to Him you will belong to it. 1 Tim. 3: 15.

7. How are you going to watch over other Christians unless you go into the church where they are? 1 Cor. 12: 25.

Daniel Sloan

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CHRIST'S LOVE FOR HIS ENEMIES.

Luke 23: 34.

Scene, Calvary. Closing scene of an eventful life, the last field of conflict, the place where divine love met human hatred.

This prayer—

1. Proved the intensity of His love.

2. Proved the intensity of His concern for the objects of the love.

3. Showed the greatness of His charity.

4. Was most comprehensive in its terms.

5. Illustrates the mode of intercession, and it was speedily answered.

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GOOD SHEPHERD.

John 10: 11-18.

Bible Shepherd. Gen. 47: 3; Luke 2: 8.

Lord my Shepherd. Psal. 23.

He knows His sheep. John 10: 14.

He provides for them. John 10: 9.

He guides them. Prov. 8: 28.

He gives His life. John 10: 15.

He delights in them. 1 Pet. 2: 9.

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DIVINITY OF CHRIST.

The mighty god. Isa. 9: 6.
 God with us. Matt. 1: 23.
 Savior, Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 9-11.
 Word was God. John 1: 1-3.
 With the doctors in the temple. Luke 2: 46, 47.
 The Spirit came upon Him. Luke 3: 22.
 I will give thee living water. John 4: 9-10.
 Let no fruit grow henceforward for ever. Matt. 21: 19-20.
 Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up. Jno. 2: 19.
 Thy sins are forgiven thee. Luke 7: 48; Mark 2: 5-7.
 Fed the five thousand. Mark 6: 38-43.
 Holy One of God. Luke 4: 33-34, 41.
 Walking on sea. Matt. 14: 24-27.
 The wind and sea obey Him. Mark 4: 39-41.
 I will raise him up. John 6: 40.
 Devil cast out. Luke 4: 40, 41.
 Lazarus come forth. John 11: 43-44.
 The Son of Man sits on the right hand of the power of God. Luke 22: 69.
 Born a king. John 18: 37.
 Thy throne, O God. Heb. 1: 8.
 Robt. Garry.

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QUALITIES OF LOVE.

1. Divine. John 4: 7.
2. Peaceful. Rom. 13: 10.
3. All sufficient. Rom. 13: 10.
4. Essential. 1 Cor. 13: 2, 3.
5. Patient. 1 Cor. 13: 4.
6. Kind. 1 Cor. 13: 4.
7. Generous. 1 Cor. 13: 4.
8. Humble. 1 Cor. 13: 4.
9. Modest. 1 Cor. 13: 5.
10. Unselfish. 1 Cor. 13: 5.
11. Mild. 1 Cor. 13: 5.
12. Pure. 1 Cor. 13: 5.
13. Holy. 1 Cor. 13: 6.
14. Longsuffering. 1 Cor. 13: 7.
15. Believing. 1 Cor. 13: 7.
16. Hopeful. 1 Cor. 13: 7.
17. Eternal. 1 Cor. 13: 8.
18. Supreme. 1 Cor. 13: 13.

C. W. Dietrich.

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RELIGION.

The adaptation of religion. Rev. 22: 17;
 Matt. 9: 12; Isa. 35: 8-10.
 The foundation stone of religion. Jno. 1: 29; Matt. 21: 42.
 The spirit of religion. Jno. 1: 12; Rom. 8: 1, 2; Rom. 6: 7, 8.
 The form of religion. 1 Tim. 2: 2; 2 Pet. 1: 6; 1 Tim. 2: 11; 2 Pet. 3: 18; 1 Pet. 2: 2.
 The blessings of religion. Luke 12: 31;
 Luke 11: 9; Heb. 11: 6; Rom. 6: 23; Jno. 3: 16; Jno. 5: 39; Jno. 10: 28.

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CHRISTIANS. WHAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE.

Be not faithless, but believing. Jno. 20: 27.
 Be not conformed to the world. Rom. 12: 2.
 Be not wise in your conceits. Rom. 12: 16.
 Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 6: 14.
 Be not deceived. Gal. 6: 7, 8.
 Be not weary in well doing. 2 Thess. 3: 13.

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JONAH; OR, THE CONDEMNATION OF EXCLUSIVENESS.

A.—The Prophet and His Times.

1. Dates.
 Date about time of accession of Jeroboam II.
 Contemporaneous with Hosea and Amos.
2. Characteristics.
 Israel making foreign alliances.
 Also bitterly exclusive.
 Prophecy uttered to teach the tenderness of God towards a repentant nation and to rebuke the exclusiveness of Israel.

B.—The Prophecy.

1. Analysis.
 - a. The first commission. Chs. 1, 2.
 1. The prophet's commission and disobedience. Ch. 1: 1-3.
 2. Jehovah's interposition. Ch. 1: 4;
 - b. The second commission. Chs. 3, 4.
 1. The prophet's commission and obedience. Ch. 3.
 2. The prophet and Jehovah. Ch. 4.
2. Message.
 A prophetic story.
 The inclusiveness of the Divine Government.
 A prophecy of supreme proof of that which came in the person and mission of Jesus.
 His death.
 His resurrection.
 His going forth to all nations.
 Rev. G. Campbell Morgan.

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WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

Introduction:

1. Take time to eat. Mark 6: 31.
2. Eat religiously. 1 Cor. 10: 31 cf. 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.
3. Be not anxious about what we shall eat. Luke 12: 22; Psa. 37: 3; Matt. 6: 33.

I. Eat that which is good. Isa. 55: 2.

1. Mephibosheth at the king's table. 2 Sam. 9: 13.
2. Jeremiah fed on God's word. Jer. 15: 16.
3. The fat of the land. Gen. 45: 18 cf. Isa. 1: 19.
4. Christ feeding the multitudes. Matt. 14: 20; 15: 38 cf. Rev. 3: 20.

II. Secret meat. John 4: 32.

III. Beware of offensive meat. 1 Cor. 8: 13; Rom. 14: 21.

R. W. Lewis.

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COVETOUSNESS FORM OF WORLDLINESS.
Col. 3: 5.

Rapacity, covetousness, grasping.
 Parsimony, covetousness parting with its life blood.
 Avarice, covetousness hoarding.
 Prodigality.

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LEARNING GOD'S WILL.

Sit still to learn God's will. Ruth 3: 18; cf. Isa. 30: 7.
 Be still that God may mould us. Psa. 37: 7; 46: 10.
 Stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord. Ex. 14: 13; Job 37: 14.

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BUSINESS-QUALITIES OF JESUS.

Feeding the multitudes. Mark 8: 1-9.

1. Took account of time—"With me three days." Vs. 2.
2. Took account of food—"Nothing to eat." Vs. 2.
3. Estimated physical endurance—"They will faint." Vs. 3.
4. Recorded distance—"From far." Vs. 3.
5. Recorded quantity—"How many loaves." Vs. 5.
6. Took account of rest—"Sit down." Vs. 6.
7. Commanded order—"By Companies." "By hundreds and fifties." Vs. 6. Mark 6: 39, 40.
8. An eye to economy—"Seven baskets." Vs. 8.
9. Dispatch—"Sent them away." Mark 8: 9.

In what manufactory to-day will you find as much business pressed into a finger-length report? Time, food, physical endurance, distance, quantity, rest, order, dispatch—all indispensable to business. Jesus the Mediator is also Jesus the Manager.

Rev. Henry Ostrom.

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"BE THOU FAITHFUL"

Rev. 2: 10.

Be a faithful man and fear God. Neh. 7: 2.

Be a faithful and good servant. Matt. 25:

21. Be faithful to God's commandments. Psal. 119: 6.
- Be faithful to your friends. Prov. 27: 6.
- Be one of those who are faithful in Israel. 2 Sam. 20: 19.
- Be faithful in the Lord. 1 Cor. 4: 17.
- Be faithful unto death and thou shalt receive the crown of life. Rev. 2: 10.
- The Lord is faithful. 2 Thes. 3: 3.
- "He is faithful and just to forgive." 1 Jno. 1: 2.
- "He abideth faithful." 2 Tim. 2: 13.
- "He is faithful that calleth you." 1 Thes. 5: 24.
- "He is a faithful Creator." 1 Pet. 4: 19.

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JESUS AS A SHIELD.

I am thy shield. Gen. 15: 1.

God's words to Abraham in the Old Testament. Refers to the Jesus of the New Testament.

Jesus as a shield to His people.

A large shield. Able to cover all our concerns.

It is so safe. Under His protection we need not fear.

It is always ready for our use. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will hear thee and deliver thee."

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SEVEN PIECES OF ARMOUR.

Eph. 6: 14-18.

- Girdle of truth. 2 Cor. 13: 8.
- Breastplate of Righteousness. Phil. 3: 2.
- Sandals of the Gospel. Eph. 2: 10.
- Shield of faith. 1 John 5: 4.
- Helmet of salvation. Psal. 27: 1.
- Sword of the Spirit. Heb. 4: 12.
- Prayer keeps armour bright.

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CHRISTIAN CHARACTERISTICS.

- Confessing Christ. Matt. 10: 32; 1 Jno. 4: 15.
- Controlling body. 1 Cor. 9: 27; Col. 3: 5.
- Hungering after righteousness. Matt. 5: 6; Luke 6: 21.
- Humble. Jas. 4: 10; 1 Pet. 5: 5, 6.
- Rejoicing in God. Psal. 33: 1; Heb. 3: 18.
- Righteous. Luke 1: 6; Rom. 4: 5.
- Imitator of Christ. 2 Cor. 4: 10; Phil. 2: 5.
- In Christ. Jno. 15: 1-7; Col. 3: 3.
- Steadfast. 1 Cor. 15: 58, f. c.; Col. 2: 5.
- Self-sacrificing. Mark 10: 28-30; Luke 5: 27-28.
- Trusting. Job. 13: 15; Psal. 56: 4, 11.
- Thankful. Col. 3: 17; 1 Thess. 5: 18.
- Indwelling of Holy Ghost. Rom. 8: 9; 1 Jno. 4: 13.
- Increasing in faith. Luke 17: 5; Eph. 6: 16.
- Abstaining from appearance of evil. 2 Cor. 8: 21; 1 Thess. 5: 22.
- Abounding in work of the Lord. 1 Cor. 15: 58; 2 Cor. 8: 7.
- New creatures. 2 Cor. 5: 17; Gal. 6: 15.
- Near to God. Heb. 10: 22; Jas. 4: 8.

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A SERVANT OF GOD.

1. Call to. Ex. 28: 1; Num. 3: 5-13; 1 Sam. 3: 4-10; Rom. 10: 14, 15; 2 Cor. 5: 18-20; Eph. 3: 7, 8; 4: 11, 12.
2. Character and qualifications of. Lev. 10: 3-11; Num. 16: 9, 10; Matt. 20: 25-28; Jno. 10: 2-5, 11-15; 2 Cor. 4: 1-10; 6: 3-7.
3. Charge delivered to. Num. 18: 1-7; 27: 18-23; 1 Tim. 3: 1-16; 4: 1-16; 2 Tim. 2: 1-26; 3: 1-17; 4: 1-8.
4. Duties of. Isa. 40: 1-3, 9, 11; Ezek. 3: 8-10, 17-21, 27; 34: 2-31; Matt. 10: 7, 11-13, 16, 25, 27-28; 2 Cor. 6: 3-10; 7: 4-9, 12, 15.
5. Emoluments of. 1 Cor. 9: 7-23; 2 Cor. 12: 13-18; Phil. 4: 10-18.
6. Trials and persecutions of. 1 Kings 19: 1-10; Matt. 10: 16-27; 2 Cor. 11: 23-32; 2 Cor. 12: 7-12.
7. Promises to, and joys of. 2 Sam. 23: 6, 7; Psal. 126: 5, 6; Jer. 1: 7-10, 17-19; John 4: 36-38; Acts 1: 4, 5, 8; 1 Cor. 9: 9, 10; 2 Cor. 2: 14-16.

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CAPITAL—LABOR.

- Capital God blesses. Deut. 28: 1-6; Gen. 24: 35; Deut. 15: 6-8; 2 Chron. 1: 11, 12; Psal. 112: 1, 3; Matt. 6: 19, 21; 1 Tim. 6: 17, 19; Mal. 3: 10, 12.
- Capital God curseth. Deut. 28: 15, 20; Deut. 15: 9; Job 31: 13, 22; Eccl. 5: 13, 17; Matt. 19: 21, 22; Luke 12: 15, 21; Jas. 5: 1, 6; Mal. 3: 5, 9.
- Labor God blesses. Deut. 28: 15, 20; Deut. 5: 13; Gen. 11: 15; Prov. 13, 11; Eccl. 11: 24; Matt. 11: 28; Eph. 4: 28; Mal. 3: 10, 12.
- Labor God curses. Deut. 28: 15, 20; Gen. 3: 17, 23; Psal. 128: 1; Prov. 16: 25, 26; Eccl. 2: 22, 23; John 6: 27; Rev. 2: 3, 4, 5; Mal. 3: 8, 9.

N. B. Shumaker.

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FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

Our Father. Matt. 6: 9.

A Father. Psal. 103: 13.

My Father. Jno. 20: 17.

Abba, Father. Rom. 8: 15.

Everlasting Father. Isa. 9: 6.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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SEVEN THINGS CHRISTIANS SHOULD DO.

They should live—

1. A life of holiness. 1 Thess. v. 22; 2 Tim. 2: 19.
2. A life of prayer. 1 Tim. 2: 8; 1 Thess. v. 17.
3. A life of death. Heb. 11: 6; Col. 1: 23.
4. A life of self-denial. Matt. v. 29; Gal. v. 44.
5. A life of separation from world. Exod. 32: 26.
6. A life of consecration. Exod. 28: 40, 41; Rom. 12: 1.
7. A life of service. Deut. 10: 12; Luke 16: 13.

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SANCTIFIED LIFE, RULES FOR.

1 Thess. 5: 12-24.

1. Know and esteem your leaders. V. 12.
2. Love harmony. VV. 12, 13.
 1. Warn unruly.
 2. Comfort feeble minded.
 3. Support the weak.
3. Be patient. V. 14.
4. Be joyful. V. 16.
5. Be careful of spirit. V. 19.
6. Be prayerful. V. 17.
7. Hold to the good. V. 20.
8. Avoid appearance of evil. V. 22.
9. Be blameless. V. 23.

W. F. Carey.

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ETERNAL LIFE.

1 Tim. 6: 12.

- What is it? Jno. 17: 3.
 Who brought it to men? 2 Tim. 1: 10.
 Who is our life? Col. 3: 4 (f. c.).
 How obtained? Rom. 6: 23.
 May we know that we have it? Jno. 3: 36;
 1 Jno. 5: 13.
 What assurance does it give? Jno. 10: 28.
 Where is it kept? Col. 3: 3.
 What else is ours? 2 Pet. 1: 3.
 What is the world's position? Jmo. 5: 40;
 Psal. 17: 14.
 What the sad end of the ungodly? 1 Cor.
 15: 19; Jno. 3: 36.

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BIBLE AS A LAMP.

Psa. 119: 105.

- A lamp should be bright. Clean polished.
 A lamp should be well trimmed. Plenty of grace.
 A lamp should be full of oil. Source of supply unlimited.

WORD IS A LAMP.

1. To give confidence.
2. Guides in difficult places.
3. Marks the dangerous places.
4. A chart with rocks and shoals marked.
5. A handbook in journey of life.
6. Night-light in the valley of the shadow of death.

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CONVERSION.

- A radical change. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
 A spiritual change. Jno. 3: 6.
 God's gift. Tit. 3: 5.
 Necessary. Jno. 3: 3.
 Commanded. Acts 3: 19.
 Evidence. Matt. 7: 20.
 Manner. Acts 16: 31.

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WELLS.

1. Wells of Scripture. Gen. 16: 14; 21: 30, 31; 2 Sam. 26: 15; Exodus 15: 27; Deut. 6: 11.
2. Well-side conversations. Jno. 4: 6; Gen. 24: 16, 17; Exodus 2: 15-20; Gen. 21: 25; 26: 21.
3. Weariness and thirst. Jmo. 4: 6; Heb. 12: 3; Gal. 6: 9; Psa. 6: 6; 42: 1, 2.
4. Wells without water. Jer. 14: 3; Zech. 9: 11; Jer. 2: 13; 2 Pet. 2: 17.
5. Wells of living water. Matt. 5: 6; Jmo. 4: 10; Isa. 12: 3; Jno. 6: 54-56.
6. Water from the Throne. Rev. 22: 1; Ezek. 47: 1; Zech. 14: 8; Psa. 46: 4.
7. Words of invitation. Isa. 55: 1; Jno. 7: 37, 28; Isa. 1: 18; Rev. 21: 6; 22: 17.

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HUMILITY, CLOTHED WITH.

1 Pet. V. 5.

Beautiful is every robe of God's providing. Humility is a gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

Humility is willing to learn whatever God teaches.

Humility is that conscious penury which is willing to accept whatever God proffers.

Humility is that submissive and acquiescent mood of mind which is willing to do, to undergo, and to become whatever may be God's good pleasure.

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ANTS AND THE LESSONS THEY TEACH US.

"Go to the ant." etc. Prov. 6: 6.

Read Sir J. Lubbock's book on ants, bees and wasps. Many thoughts for teachers and preachers to spiritualise. He describes the wonderful habits of these interesting creatures.

They teach the lesson of what little people can do.

They teach the lesson of industry.

They teach the lesson of perseverance.

They teach the lesson of law and order.

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MARVELOUS MAGNET.

"I, if I be lifted up," etc. Jno. 12: 32.

Attractive force lies in a crucified Savior. To Himself draws all men. Force is love, promise of rest.

This force is exercised through the Holy Spirit, but He uses instruments. Draws gradually, gently, and effectually.

This implies man by nature is a long way off.

Men will not come to Him unless he draws them. Are you coming? Come, and welcome.

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VINE, JESUS AS THE.

"I am the vine." Jno. 15: 5.

1. We find shelter in the vine. In the hot sun's rays to rest under the vine is grateful and refreshing.

2. We find refreshment in the vine. How refreshing the taste of the grape! The very sight makes one's mouth water.

3. There is fruitfulness in the vine. Christ-like virtues to imitate, and bring forth good works and good living.

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THE PRAYERS OF JESUS.

Matt. 11: 28; 1 Pet. 2: 21; John 8: 29.

First; secret prayer.

His general habit. Luke 5: 15, 16.

Prayer before toil. Mark 1: 35.

Prayer after toil. Mark 6: 45, 46.

Special prayer before special duty. Luke 10: 12, 13.

Special prayer before special trial. Luke 22: 39-46.

Second; private communication, but in presence of others.

A kind of prayer meeting. Luke 9: 18.

His prayers impressed others.

His disciples. Luke 11: 1-4.

The Centurion. Luke 23: 46-47.

His prayers honored of God.

At His baptism. Luke 3: 21, 22.

At His transfiguration. Luke 9: 28, 29.

At the grave of Lazarus. John 11: 41-44.

Prayer for others. Intercession.

Prays for individual disciples. Luke 22: 31, 32.

Prays for His disciples. John 17: 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20-24.

Prays for His enemies. Luke 23: 34.

He ever liveth to make intercession. Heb. 7: 25.

Rev. Robt. Garry.

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PRODIGAL SON.

Downward course.

1. Restless—Father gave me.

2. Rebellious—Gathered all together.

3. Revelry—Wasted his substance.

4. Ruin—Spent all—in want—no man gave unto him.

Upward and homeward course.

1. Reflects—He came to himself.

2. Repents—Hired servants of my father have bread and I perish.

3. Resolves—I will arise.

4. Returns—He arose.

5. Received—His father saw him and had compassion.

6. Reconciled—His father rose and fell on his neck and kissed him.

7. Re-instated—Bring forth the best robe, etc.

8. Rejoicing—This my son was dead and is alive again.

London City Missionary.

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THE LORD KNOWETH.

Our frame. Psa. 103: 14; 1 Kings 19: 5.

The secrets of the heart. Psa. 44: 21; Luke 16: 15.

What things we need. Matt. 6: 8; Phil. 4: 19.

Them that are His. 2 Tim. 2: 19; 2 Chron. 16: 9.

Them that trust in Him. Nahum 1: 7; 2 Pet. 2: 9.

All things. 1 John 3: 20; Col. 1: 16, 17.

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MORE THAN CONQUERORS.

Rom. 8: 37.

No condemnation. V. 1.

No doubt. V. 15: 16.

No lack. V. 28.

No separation. V. 39.

Rev. Walter Veazie.

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WOMAN THIS SIDE OF THE CROSS.

A woman's love ministers to Christ's comfort. Luke 7: 36-50.

Woman's service (no man present). Matt. 28: 5-10.

A willing and whole-hearted giver. Mark 12: 42-44.

Done what she could. Mark 14: 3-9.

Woman's prayer. Matt. 15: 22-28.

Last at the cross. Mark 15: 40, 41, 47.

First at the tomb. Matt. 28: 1-7.

First preacher to the Jews. Luke 2: 37-38.

First preacher to the nations. John 4: 28-30, 39-42.

In the first church prayer meeting. Acts 1: 14.

First to welcome Paul in Europe. Acts 16: 13-15.

Prominent for good works. Acts 9: 36-39.

A theological instructor. Acts 18: 24-26.

Her domestic teaching commended. 2 Tim. 1: 5; 3: 14, 15.

A deaconess highly commended. Rom. 16: 1-4.

She prayed and prophesied. 1 Cor. 11: 5.

Women the first to discover the tomb empty. Mark 16: 1-10.

Women the first preachers of a full gospel of the risen Lord. Matt. 28: 1-10.

Woman the mother of Jesus. Matt. 1: 21; Gal. 4: 4.

A type of the church. Gal. 4: 26.

Robert Garry.

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SYRO-PHENICIAN WOMAN.

Matt. 15: 21-28.

1.—The Distressed Sufferer.

2.—The Mighty Savior. Three things favorable to the sufferer—

1. That this Saviour was then in the flesh.

2. The fame of His power had gone forth.

3. That the Saviour was near at hand.

3.—The Effectual Intercessor.

1. The reverence of her address.

2. The petition presented.

3. Her prayer is repeated.

4. Her plea is reiterated.

4.—The Cure Obtained. "O woman, great is thy faith," etc.

1. He extols the successful pleader.

2. He grants all that she sought.

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WHAT WE ARE TO DO.

1. To believe. John 3: 16.

2. Know. 1 John 5: 13.

3. Remember. 1 Cor. 10: 13.

4. Confess. Matt. 10: 32, 33.

5. Live. Gal. 2: 20.

6. Practice. Rom. 6: 13.

7. Heed. Phil. 4: 8.

8. Preach. Rom. 1: 16.

9. Pray. Eph. 3: 17, 19.

10. Teach. 2 Tim. 1: 13.

11. Study. Josh. 8: 8; 2 Tim. 2: 15.

Evang. John A. Doris.

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PROMISES TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD.

1. God's love. John 14: 23.

2. Divine supervision. Rom. 8: 28.

3. Preservation. Psa. 145: 20.

4. Inconceivable reward. 1 Cor. 2: 9.

5. Crown of life. Jas. 1: 12.

C. W. Dietrich.

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JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A Character Study.

- Self-denial. Matt 3: 4.
 Active. Mark 1: 4.
 Strong faith. Matt. 3: 11.
 Humility. Matt. 3: 14.
 Obedient. Mark 1: 2, 3.
 Consecration. Jno. 1: 23.
 Devotion. Jno. 1: 36.
 Uncompromising. Mark 6: 18.
 Heroic. Matt. 11: 7-9.
 Faithful witness. Jno. 1: 32-34.
 Power. Mark 1: 5.
 Just and Holy. (Herod's testimony.)
 Mark 6: 20.
 Peer of prophets. (Jesus' testimony.)
 Luke 7: 23.
 Measure of manhood.
 How many of his characteristics have I?
 A. E. Cperley, Oneonta, N. Y.

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PEACE: FALSE AND TRUE.

- 1.—False.
 1. The peace of ignorance. Psalms 73: 3-6; Luke 12: 16-19. Their end. Psalms 73: 17-20; Luke 12: 20, 21.
 2. The peace of self-righteousness. Luke 18: 11, 12. Their end. Matt. 23: 27, 33.
 3. The peace of a seared conscience. 1 Tim. 4: 1, 2. Their end. 2 Pet. 2: 20, 21.
 2.—True.
 Jno. 14: 27; Eph. 2: 14; Jno. 20: 19, 20; Rom. 5: 1.
 3.—How to keep it.
 Isa. 26: 3.

Rev. H. P. Welton, D. D.

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NEW YEAR'S START.

"Ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Josh. 3: 4.
 Life a journey. Way is long. Starting-point, New Year, another milestone passed. Stages various: now a haven of rest, then a sumptuous feast, after a cool grot of retirement, and sometimes the mountain-top of praise.

Stage reached today. At landing of a stair, we stop to review the past, and take courage in anticipations of the future. Look up and exercise faith.

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GOD'S THOUGHTS.

Higher than your thoughts. Isa. 55: 9.
 Thoughts of peace and not evil. Jer. 29: 11.
 Very deep. Psalms 92: 5.
 Precious unto me. Psalms 139: 17.
 Cannot be reckoned up. Psalms 40: 5.
 More than can be numbered. Psalms 40: 5.
 Prayer—Think upon me, my God. Neh. 5: 19.
 Assurance—The Lord thinketh upon me. Psalms 40: 17.

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GOD OUR ROCK.

Salvation. 2 Sam. 22: 47.
 Stability. Matt. 7: 24, 25; 16: 18.
 Security. Psalms 94: 22.
 Shelter. Psalms 61: 3.
 Satisfaction. 1 Cor. 10: 4.
 Strength. Psalms 31: 2.
 Shadow. Isa. 32: 2.

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WHAT IS CONVERSION?

Ans. All the acts required by Christ's apostles to bring man into Christ.
 God no respecter of persons. Acts 10: 34, 35.

Pentacostans. Acts 2: 37-42.
 The five thousand. Acts 4: 4.
 Samaritans. Acts 8: 12, 13.
 Eunuch. Acts 8: 35-39.
 Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9: 17, 18.
 Cornelius. Acts 10: 44-48.
 Lydia. Acts 16: 14, 15.
 Philippians. Acts 16: 30-34.
 Ephesians. Acts 19: 1-5.
 Same for every creature. Mark 16: 15, 16.
 (Some of these had evidently taken some of the steps, and would not be required to repeat them, but God could not be "no respecter of persons," and require one thing of one person and different things of others.)
 Conversion takes place in the life of the individual while forgiveness takes place in the mind of God, He being the one sinned against.
 Xan Mere.

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BIOGRAPHY OF CHRISTIANS.

This is the most interesting and wonderful of all biographies.

1. What we were—Dead. Eph. 2: 1. Children of wrath. Eph. 2. Without Christ. Eph. 2: 2. Of the devil. Jno. 8: 44.
2. What we are—Quickened to life. Eph. 2: 45. A supernatural life. Jno. 5: 24. The spirit of adoption. Rom. 8: 15. Sonship. 1 Jno. 3: 13.
3. What we shall be—Revealed by the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2: 9, 10. Like Christ. 1 Jno. 3: 2. Heirs of God. Rom. 8: 17. All things ours. 1 Cor. 3: 22.
4. What we ought to be—Consecrated. Rom. 12: 1. Heavenly minded. Col. 3: 1. Holy. 1 Pet. 2: 9. Separated, consecrated, concentrated and watching for the coming of the Lord. Tit. 2: 11-15.

By E. P. Marvin.

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TONGUE, ITS USE AND ABUSE.

Psalms 34: 14.

Government of the tongue. Habit of keeping under control.

Words index to your conduct. Always speak the truth.

Exaggeration. Half the truth. Profane language. Bad effects and lasting results. Improper thoughts lead to improper acts. Governing the tongue means governing the temper.

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HARD WAY, THE.

Prov. 8: 15.

1. The guide he has to follow. Satan takes us captive.

2. The way is hard because of the recollections which those have who walk therein.

3. The wages are bad, shame and suffering.

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MAN'S LOVE TO GOD.

1. Is commanded. Josh. 2: 5; Matt. 22: 37.

2. Is reciprocal. 1 Jno. 4: 19.

3. Is tested by obedience. Jno. 14: 23

4. Is to be whole-hearted. Matt. 22: 3.

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MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER.

Jno. 21: 17.

1.—Jesus and His Father.

1. He called and conceived God as Father. Matt. 11: 25; Jno. 11: 41; 17: 5; Matt. 26: 39, 42; Luke 23: 34, 46.
2. Yet always reverently. John 17: 11, 25.
3. His life and will were subordinate to His Father's will. Jno. 6: 38; 8: 29; 14: 9, 10; 5: 19; Luke 8: 39.
4. He identified Himself with His Father. Jno. 8: 42; 5: 23; 8: 28; 12: 49; Matt. 11: 27; Jno. 10: 30; 14: 7.
5. It was on this account that the Jews sought to slay Him, because He called God His own Father. Jno. 5: 17, 18.

2.—Our Father and we.

1. He knows my needs before I ask and before I know. Matt. 6: 8.
2. He is readier to give than an earthly father. Matt. 7: 11.
3. He has a plan for my life. Matt. 10: 29; 7: 21.
4. He will keep me safe. Jno. 10: 29.
5. He will comfort my heart. Psa. 103: 13; Rev. 21: 4.

3.—True religion is the spirit of child-acceptance of God's fatherliness revealed in Christ's consciousness of His Father and our Father. Matt. 18: 3.

4.—Therefore—

1. Let us love our Father and tell Him so.
2. Let us trust our Father.
3. Let us please our Father.

Robert E. Speer.

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SEASON OF GRACE.

2 Cor. 7: 10.

Sin, repentance and pardon are like to the three vernal months of the year—March, April, and May.

Sin comes in like March, blustering, stormy, and full of bold violence.

Repentance succeeds like April—showery, weeping, and full of tears.

Pardon follows like May—springing, singing, full of joys and flowers.

Our eyes must be full of April with the sorrow of repentance.

Then our hearts shall be full of May with the true joy of forgiveness.

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TEXTS APPROPRIATE FOR THE—

Wearry Christians. 2 Thess. 2: 17; Psa. 119: 50; 2 Cor. 1: 3; Job 3: 17; Gal. 6: 9; Psa. 9: 9; Psa. 126: 5; Heb. 13: 5; Prov. 24: 10; Rev. 3: 19.

Working Christian. Rom. 12: 15; 1 Pet. 5: 5; Psa. 103: 2; 1 Tim. 5: 18; John 9: 4; 2 Thess. 3: 13; Psa. 126: 5-6.

Lukewarm Christian. Jas. 2: 17; Prov. 6: 6; Mark 13: 37.

Fighting Christian. Rev. 2: 10; Eph. 5: 8; Rom. 8: 24; 1 Cor. 16: 13; Rev. 21: 7; 2 Cor. 13: 11; 1 Tim. 6: 12.

Mourner. Rev. 14: 13; Psa. 147: 3; Psa. 50: 15; Ex. 23: 22, 23; Psa. 68: 5.

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BEHOLD.

- "Behold ye had sinned." Deut. 9: 16.
 "Behold the Lamb of God." Jno. 1: 29.
 "Behold thou art fair." S. of S. 1: 15.
 "Behold the bridegroom." Matt. 25: 6.
 "Behold I come quickly." Rev. 22: 7-12.

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CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

I. Mind of Christ Godward.

1. Obedience. In life. John 4: 34. In suffering. John 18: 11.
2. Diligent. Mark 1: 35 *fc.*; Luke 2: 49.
3. Faithful. Heb. 3: 1, 2.
4. Prayerful. Luke 5: 16; 6: 12; 9: 28.
5. Pure. 1 John 3: 2, 3.
6. Steadfast. Luke 9: 51.
7. Spiritually endowed. Luke 4: 18.
8. Resigned. Matt. 26: 39.

II. Mind of Christ manward.

1. Humble. No reputation. Phil. 2: 67. Menial service. Matt. 11: 29.
2. Subject to. Parents. Luke 2: 51. Ordinances. Matt. 3: 13-15; 17: 27.
3. Ministering to others. Matt. 20: 28.
4. Sympathetic. Matt. 11: 28; Heb. 4: 15.
5. Self-sacrifice. Matt. 8: 20; 2 Cor. 8: 9.
6. Compassion. Luke 7: 13; 19: 41.
7. Forbearance. Quiet dignity. Matt. 27: 14. Was abused. Luke 23: 11. Reviled not. Pet. 2: 23.
8. Forgiving enemies. Luke 23: 34; Col. 3: 13.
9. Suffered death with all its horrors, mental and physical. Phil. 2: 8; Isa. 53: 5.
10. Love. Matt. 18: 11-13; John 13: 1, 34.

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UNION OF CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Duty of employer to employee. Deut. 24: 14, 15; Ex. 20: 10; Lev. 19: 9, 13; Matt. 8: 5, 13; Luke 3: 10, 13; Eph. 6: 9; Col. 4: 1; Gal. 6: 1, 10.

Duty of employee to employer. Lev. 19: 15, 18; Eccl. 9: 10; Luke 3: 14; Eph. 6: 5-7; Col. 3: 22, 25; Tit. 2: 9; 1 Tim. 6: 1, 2; 1 Pet. 11: 18, 19, 20.

Both must avoid division makers. Rom. 16: 17, 18; 1 Thess. 5: 14, 15.

Bear with one another. Gal. 6: 1, 2; Rom. 15: 1, 2.

Christian union of capital and labor. 1 Sam. 2: 7; John 13: 34; John 17: 20-23.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Psa. 16: 11.

The nature and character of spiritual life. This psalm has been called the "Golden Psalm," "David's precious jewel," "Priceless." The sign of life throbs through it all.

Path of life. Jesus trod it to the grave, and after the resurrection. Resurrection life.

The extent and perpetuity of spiritual life. For ever and ever.

The support and defence. "The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

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SEVEN RULES FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING.

1. Look diligently. Heb. 11: 15.
2. Wait patiently. Psa. 40: 1.
3. Stand continually. Isa. 21: 8.
4. Walk humbly. Micah 6: 8.
5. Run well. Gal. 5: 7.
6. Provide honestly. Rom. 12: 17.
7. Lie down trustingly. Rom. 12: 18.

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WALKING WITH GOD.

Gen. 5: 24.

Walking proves that we have life. Eph. 2: 1-3. Dead sinners can't walk.

1. God desires our company. Gen. 3: 9.
2. God sent His Son to bring us into His company. 1 Pet. 3: 18.
3. Jesus says "Follow me" if you desire to know Father's company. 1 Pet. 2: 21. We must abandon all to do the will of God. Rom. 6: 13; Rom. 12: 1, 2. Die. Jno. 12: 24. Be raised into a new experience and know Jesus in the power of His resurrection. Phil. 3: 10.

4. Many by self will and disobedience walk contrary to God. Lev. 26: 27; Jer. 6: 16.
5. This walk means separation. 2 Cor. 6: 14-18. God is not agreed that you can enjoy His company and still keep company with the ungodly. Amos 3: 3; Psa. 1: 1-3.
6. This walk will bring affliction and persecution. Heb. 11: 24-27; 2 Tim. 3: 12; 2 Tim. 1: 15; 4: 10, 14.
7. This walk brings promotion and joy. Psa. 75: 6, 7; Heb. 11: 4, 5; Psa. 16: 11; Jno. 8: 29; Heb. 12: 1, 2; Gen. 5: 24.

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THE FLESH.

1. Importance of study about it. Rom. 8: 8.
2. What is it? Jno. 3: 6; Rom. 7: 18; Gal. 5: 19-21 (a).
3. God's thought about it. Rom. 8: 7, 8; Gal. 5: 21 (b).
4. The sinner's relation to it. Rom. 7: 5.
5. The Christian's relation to it. Phil. 3: 3; Gal. 5: 24 (R. V.); Rom. 7: 21-25 (b).
6. How can we overcome it and please God? Rom. 13: 14; 1 Pet. 2: 11; Rom. 8: 13; Gal. 5: 16, 17.
7. Results of such a life. Rom. 8: 4 (R. V. margin); Gal. 5: 22, 23. Rom. 6: 22.
M. Masser Smyser.

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FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

A promise. Acts 1: 8.
A warning. Eph. 4: 30.
A commandment. Eph. 5: 18.

Conditions:—

1. Emptied.—"He emptied Himself."
2. Separated.—"Be ye separate."
3. Humility.—"Humble yourself."
4. Obedience.—"Keep my commandments."
5. Praying.—"To those who ask."
6. Faith.—"Have faith in God."

Rev. Hay Bell.

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SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

A command. Mal. 3: 8, 9, 10.
Who shall pay? Deut. 16: 17.
How much? Gen. 28: 22.
In what spirit? 2 Cor. 9: 7.
When to pay? 1 Cor. 16: 2.
Does it pay to pay? Prov. 3: 9, 10.
God's return 100 per cent. Mark 10: 29, 30.
J. R. Beveridge.

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LOVE.

God's love to you. 1 John 4: 10.
God's love about you. Jude 21.
God's love in you. Rom. 5: 5.
Walter Veazie.

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CONDITION AND PROSPECTS OF THE UNSAVED.

Only two classes—saved and unsaved. Condition of the unsaved.

1. Alienation from God. Rom. 8: 7.
2. Lost. Luke 15. "Sheep," "coin," "son."
3. Without Christ or God or hope. Eph. 2: 12.
4. Dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. 2: 1, 2.
5. Under the wrath of God. Jno. 3: 36; Rom. 1: 18.
6. Condemned. Jno. 3: 18.
7. Unable to save themselves. Rom. 3: 20.
8. To be judged after death. Rom. 2: 4-11.
9. To be punished. Matt. 13: 24; Matt. 25: 41.

How should these truths affect us?
If unsaved. Acts. 2: 38; Acts 16: 31; Matt. 10: 32, 33.

If saved—duty, manifest interest. Rom. 10: 1; Acts 20: 26-31.

Rev. H. M. Morey.

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BEES, AND THE LESSONS THEY TEACH US.

"They compassed me about like bees." Psa. 118: 12.

Bees and honey often mentioned in the Wonderful little workers. Instructive to study the life of a bee.

Lesson of loving home. Keepers at home and attached to the hive.

Lesson of cleanliness. Careful to remove all dirt.

Lesson of sympathy. One bee has been known to carry another sick bee upon its back into the sunshine.

Lesson of happiness in one's work, and always at work.

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MERCIFULNESS.

Matt. 5: 7.

Mercifulness is commiseration for suffering men.

Mercifulness is compassion for the souls of men.

Merciful man is considerate of the comfort and feelings of others.

Merciful man is considerate of his neighbor's character.

Merciful man is merciful to his beast. Mercy more than blessed, it is divine.

God's mercy came down from heaven. Christ's errand.

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GOSPEL A SYSTEM OF MERCY, TRUTH, AND POWER.

"Beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 47.
Command to the disciples.

Gospel must be a system of mercy, since it was first preached at Jerusalem.

Gospel must be a system of truth, or it would not have been preached at Jerusalem.

Gospel must be a system of power, or it would never have prevailed at Jerusalem.

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THREEFOLD WORK OF CHRIST.

Atonement: Past—on the Cross.

Advocacy: Present—before the Throne.

Advent: Future—at His coming.

A. M. Clemence.

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THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT.

1.—The Flesh Defined.

1. The flesh is not the body. 1 Cor. 6: 19; Gal. 5: 19-21.
2. Used to designate the human race—the natural man. Psa. 65: 2; Isa. 40: 5, 6; Matt. 24: 22; Rom. 3: 20.
3. The only sinless flesh. Gen. 1: 27, 31; Jno. 1: 14; Rom. 1: 3.

2.—Since the Fall all Flesh is Corrupt.

1. General character of the flesh. Rom. 7: 18; Rom. 8: 6-8; Mark 7: 20-23; Jas. 3: 6-12; Rom. 3: 9-20; Gal. 5: 19-21; Phil. 3: 3-9.
2. No love to God. Psa. 10: 4; Prov. 1: 29; Jno. 5: 42; Eph. 4: 18, 19; Rom. 2: 1-6; Jno. 5: 40; Luke 19: 14.
3. It is not so by education but by nature. Eph. 2: 2, 3; Psa. 58: 3; Psa. 51: 5; Psa. 53: 2, 3; 1 Jno. 5: 19; 1 Cor. 2: 14; Gen. 6: 5; Rom. 1: 21; Tit. 1: 15; Eccl. 8: 11.
4. The ruin is universal. Jer. 17: 9; Psa. 143: 2; Rom. 2: 1; Rom. 3: 19-23.
5. The flesh is not on probation. Jno. 3: 18; Luke 19: 10; Eph. 2: 1; Rom. 7: 24; Rom. 6: 6.

3.—The New Birth.

1. Not a change of the flesh, but a new creation. Jno. 3: 6, 7; Jno. 1: 13; Rom. 8: 16, 17; 1 Jno. 3: 1-3; 2 Pet. 1: 4; 1 Pet. 1: 23; 2 Cor. 5: 17.
2. The flesh is unchanged. Rom. 8: 7-8; Col. 3: 9, 10; Gal. 5: 24; Rom. 6: 12, 15; Gal. 4: 22-24, 28-31; Rom. 9: 7-8.

4.—The Flesh is in all Believers.

- Gal. 5: 16-18; Rom. 8: 12, 13; Rom. 13: 14; Gal. 5: 13; Col. 3: 3-6.

5.—Walking after the Spirit.

- See the passages under the preceding head, and also the following: Gen. 5: 22-24; Gen. 6: 9; 1 Cor. 1: 9; Gal. 5: 22, 25; Rom. 7: 4-6; Eph. 4: 22-24; 1 Cor. 3: 1-4; Phil. 3: 3; Gal. 6: 7-8.

6.—Living in the Spirit.

- Gal. 2: 20; 2 Cor. 5: 15, 16; Rom. 6: 11-14; 2 Cor. 6: 14-18; 2 Cor. 7: 1; Col. 2: 6-10; 1 Jno. 2: 15-17, 28; 1 Jno. 5: 4, 5; Phil. 3: 20, 21; Tit. 2: 11-14; Rev. 2: 7, 11, 17, 26, and 3, 5, 12, 21.

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SOUL-WINNING.

1. Study the soul—Its origin. Gen. 1: 26, 27. Its value. Mark 8: 36. Cost price. 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19. Its destiny. Ezek. 18: 20, 32. Matt. 10: 28.

2. Study men, worth. Isa. 13: 12. Dignity. Psa. 8: 3-6. Classes and conditions. 2 Cor. 9: 19-22.

3. Study methods—Compassion and fear. Jude 22, 23. Persuading, by love. 2 Cor. 5: 10, 11, 14. Warning and teaching. Col. 1: 28.

4. Study the word. 2 Tim. 2: 15; 3: 16-7; Eph. 6: 17; Heb. 4: 12.

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THREE LOOKS.

Backward look: Salvation. Isa. 45: 22.

Upward look: Looking unto Jesus. Heb.

12: 2.

Onward look: For His coming. Tit. 2: 13.

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SYMPATHY FOR SOULS AS SEEN IN A FEW BIBLE CHARACTERS.

- Moses. Forgetful of self. Ex. 32: 9, 10, 31, 32.

Paul. Rom. 9: 2, 3.

Samuel. 1 Sam. 15: 10, 11.

Jeremiah 9: 1. Weeping prophet.

Jeremiah 13: 17. Weeping over backsliders.

Ezekiel 9: 4-6. To sigh and cry manifests activity.

Luke 13: 34. Jesus' solicitude for His mother.

Luke 19: 41, 42. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem.

Luke 15: 20. The father yearns over prodigal son shows how Christians should yearn over wayward ones.

Geo. A. Hall.

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ACCEPTANCE, GROUND OF

1. God shows the only ground of acceptance. Gen. 4: 7.

2. Like Job, see true condition before salvation. Job 42: 1-9.

3. The only acceptable time now. 2 Cor. 6: 2.

4. Christ the only acceptable offering. Offering had to be perfect before accepted. Lev. 22: 21; Heb. 2: 10; Heb. 10: 1-18.

5. We are accepted in Christ only. Eph. 1: 6.

6. Our labor only acceptable in Christ. 2 Cor. 5: 9.

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GRACEFUL WALKING.

1. In the light. Isa. 2: 5; Jno. 12: 35, 1 c.; Eph. 5: 8.

2. Under instruction. Isa. 30: 21; Jer. 7: 23.

3. In a good way. Jer. 6: 16; Hos. 11: 3, 1 c.

4. In the spirit. Gal. 5: 16.

5. In love. Eph. 5: 2.

6. In wisdom towards the world. Col. 4: 5; Eph. 5: 15; 1 Thess. 4: 12.

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CHRISTIAN CONVERSE.

Its instrument. Jas. 3: 5, 6; Rom. 6: 19.

Its precedent. Mal. 3: 16.

Its benefit. Prov. 27: 17.

Its fountain. Luke 6: 45.

Its substance. Eph. 6: 29.

Its seasoning. Col. 4: 6.

Its personnel. Psa. 16: 3.

Its pleasures. Psa. 55: 14.

Its harmonies. Eph. 5: 19; Col. 3: 16.

Its theophanies. Luke 24: 15, 35, 36.

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DANIEL IN THE DEN.

Dan. 6: 16.

Daniel's great piety.

Daniel's great trials.

Daniel's great deliverance.

Daniel's great honor.

Note that everyone should be prepared for temptation, then do what is pleasing and right in the sight of God, never minding the consequences.

Faith is invaluable in times of special difficulty.

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FIVE THOUGHTS

Showing difference between the Ten Spies and Joshua and Caleb—Sight and Faith—in Numbers 13 and 14.

1. 13: 31. We be not able to go up.
30 v. For we are well able.
2. 13: 31. They are stronger than we.
Num. 14: 9. Their defense is departed from them.
3. 13: 32. Brought up an evil report.
14: 7. It is exceeding good land.
4. 13: 32. A land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof.
14: 9. They are bread for us.
5. 13: 33. And we are in our own sight as grasshoppers.
14: 9. And the Lord is with us; fear them not.

John A. Davis.

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BALM IN GILEAD.

Jer. 8: 22.

Sin is the consumption of the soul.

1. It has its seat in the very citadel of life.
 2. It is a hereditary disease.
 3. It is a fatal disease.
 4. Yet it is a flattering disease.
- But the tree itself, no particular beauty in it, pass it by. So the Savior was passed by.

The balm tree is a stranger in Palestine. So Christ had not where to lay His head.

To obtain the healing essence, it had to be wounded. So Christ was obedient even unto death.

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THE LAST DAY MESSAGE.

John 7: 37.

1. The interrogation, "If any man thirst." The Lord knew that, more or less, all were thirsty—none perfectly satisfied. But perhaps some who had been through the seven-day feast nevertheless felt their need of something more satisfying than ritualism without God.

2. The instruction.

- A. Let—No one—nothing—must hinder.
- B. Him—A personal matter.
- C. Come—Responsibility.
- D. To me—Not creeds or ceremonies.
- E. And drink—A simple thing.

3. The importunity.

"Jesus stood and cried." The son of God beseeching men.

James Sprunt.

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WHAT CHRISTIANS POSSESS.

- They have redemption. Eph. 1: 6, 7.
They have everlasting life. John 3: 36.
They have a great high priest. Heb. 4: 14.
They have the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 6: 19.
They have the promises of God. Jas. 1: 12.
They have the sure word of prophecy. 2 Pet. 1: 19.
They have a sure hope. Heb. 6: 19, 20.

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SCHISM, EVILS OF.

- I. Scriptural description of it. 1 Cor. 8: 3.
- II. Virtual usurpation of Christ's throne. Jas. 4: 11.
- III. Incompatible with fellowship with

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PATIENCE.

1. A needed grace—"Ye have need of patience." Heb. 10: 36.
2. A bestowed power—"Strengthened with all might. . . unto all patience" Col. 1: 2.
3. A fruitful outcome—"Bring forth fruit with patience." Luke 8: 15.
4. A forming agent—"Tribulation worketh patience." Rom. 5: 3.
5. An evidencing witness—"The ministers of God, in much patience." 2 Cor. 6: 4.
6. A communicative blessing—"Patience, experience." Rom. 5: 4.
7. A noble race—"Let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus." Heb. 12: 1, 2.

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SOUL WINNERS NEED.

Prov. 11: 13.

1. A clear, joyful experience. Psa. 51: 12, 13. The psalmist had lost his. Have you? Joy wins.
2. The touch of the live coal. Isa. 6: 5-8. Isaiah's vision, confession, preparation and call.
3. Wisdom from above. Jas. 1: 5 and 3: 17. Eight character gems. If you lack "ask."
4. A prayerful reliance on the Holy Spirit. Luke 12: 12. Keep in touch. Listen for His voice.
5. A burden for souls. Psa. 126: 6. Go forth, weeping. Seed of word. The result seen. Isa. 55: 11.

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CHRIST OUR WRITING COPY.

- "Leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps." 1 Pet. 2: 21.
The word example here means writing above, or a writing copy.
He is our copy in love.
He is our copy in humility.
He is our copy in fidelity.
He is our copy in prayer.
He is our copy in suffering.
He is our copy in sympathy.
He is our copy in victory.

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INVITATIONS.

- "I stand and knock." Rev. 3: 20.
"I came to call sinners." Luke 5: 32.
"Come unto Me and Rest." Matt. 11: 28.
"Come unto Me and drink." Jno. 7: 37.
"Come now, let us reason." Isa. 1: 18.
"Come to the waters." Isa. 55: 1.
"Come, all things are ready." Luke 14: 17.
"No wise cast out." John 6: 37-47.
"Come, whosoever will." Rev. 22: 17.

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ABIDING IN CHRIST.

What it means.

1. Restoration from sin. 1 Jno. 2: 2.
2. Assurance. 1 Jno. 2: 28; 5: 13.
3. Power in prayer. John 15: 7.
4. Fruitfulness. Jno. 15: 5.
5. Christ-likeness. 1 Jno. 2: 6.

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KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

1.—Why know God?

1. Greatest thing to know. Jer. 9: 23, 24.
2. Gives eternal life. Jno. 17: 3.
3. Gives cleansing from defilement. 2 Pet. 2: 20.
4. Gives power to do. Dan. 11: 32.
5. We know what we shall be. 1 Jno. 3: 2.

2.—How know God?

1. Power to know is from Him. Jer. 24: 7.
2. By being in earnest. Hos. 6: 3.
3. By studying His Word. Jno. 5: 39.
4. By studying His dealings with Men, e. g. Acts 5: 1.
5. By having Him in us. Jno. 14: 17, 23.
6. With the Spirit's help. Jno. 16: 14; 1 Cor. 2: 12.

3.—Know what of God?

(a) All should know—

1. He created and owns us. Psal. 100: 3, r. v.
2. His love. Jno. 3: 16.
3. The purpose of His goodness. Rom. 2: 4.
4. Of coming judgment by Him. Jno. 5: 28, 29.

(b) Christians should learn—

1. How to worship Him. Jno. 4: 24.
2. His power to help. Heb. 2: 18; 2 Tim. 1: 12.
3. That He answers prayer. Jno. 3: 22; 5: 14, 15.
4. The evil of forsaking Him. Jer. 2: 19.
5. Of the judgment of works. 2 Cor. 5: 10; 1 Cor. 3: 12-15.

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THE PRIVILEGES OF PARTAKERS.

Partakers of flesh and blood. Heb. 2: 14.

3: 1.

Partakers of the heavenly calling. Heb.

Partakers of Christ. Heb. 3: 14.

Partakers of the Holy Ghost. Heb. 6: 4.

Partakers of chastisement. Heb. 12: 8.

Partakers of His holiness. Heb. 12: 10.

Partakers of Christ's suffering. 1 Pet. 4: 13.

Partakers of the glory. 1 Pet. 5: 1.

Partakers of the Divine nature. 2 Pet. 1: 4.

Partakers of the consolation. 2 Cor. 1: 7.

Partakers of the afflictions of the gospel. 2 Tim. 1: 8.

Partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Col. 1: 12.

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THIRSTING FOR GOD.

Psal. 42: 2.

Great source of soul satisfaction is God.

1. Some ways of communion with God. A revived soul may commune with God in His works and word, in contemplation of Jesus.

1. Some of the effects of that communion. To be filled with God is to be filled with goodness, and made independent of earthly joys and sorrows, and made fit for heaven.

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WHAT THE LORD IS TO HIS PEOPLE IN THE PSALMS:

Salvation, 37: 1; Strength, 28: 7; Shield, 38: 7; Shepherd, 23: 1; Shade, 121: 5; Song, 113: 14; Savior, 106: 21.

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TEACHING IN 1 THESSALONIANS AS TO SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

1.—The Manner of His Coming.

1. Personal—"the Lord Himself," 4: 16.
2. Glorious—"clouds," "angels," "trumpets," 4: 16.

2.—Purpose or Results of His Coming.

1. To raise sleeping saints from the dead. 4: 16.
2. To translate living saints. 4: 17.
3. To bring about eternal union with Christ. 4: 17.
4. To complete sanctification of believers. 3: 13; 5: 23.
5. To reward faithful workers. 2: 19.
6. To bring sudden destruction on ungodly. 5: 3.

3.—Time of His Coming.

1. The exact time can not and need not be known. 5: 1, 2.
2. For the wicked, sudden and unexpected. 5: 3.
3. Not so necessarily for believers. 5: 4.
4. While wickedness still abounds. 5: 3.

4.—Attitude of Church toward His Coming.

1. Ought not to be ignorant of nor slight. 1: 10; 4: 13.
2. The hope with which to comfort one another in sorrow. 4: 18.
3. To be watching for it. 5: 6.
4. Should lead to sober, earnest lives. 5: 4-8.

N. Fay Smith.

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TRUTH.

To say that I must sin is to deny the Gospel. Jude 24; Gal. 2: 20.

To say that I cannot sin is to deceive myself. 1 Jno. 1: 8.

To say that I do not sin is to deceive others. 1 Jno. 1: 8.

To say that I need not sin is to state my privilege. Eph. 1: 4; 1 Pet. 1: 15.

To say that I have not sinned is to make God a liar. 1 Jno. 1: 10.

To say that I must not sin is to confirm the Gospel. Col. 2: 6; 3: 17.

To say that by the grace of God I will not sin is to live the Gospel. 1 Jno. 2: 6; Gal. 5: 25.

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REPENTANCE, INCOMPLETE.

2 Cor. 7: 10.

1. He that leaves not all sin.
2. He that leaves sin only outwardly.
3. He that leaves sin because he cannot commit it.

4. He that leaves sin out of sinister respects.

5. He that leaves one sin for another.
6. He that leaves sin but for a time.
7. He that so turns from sin as not to turn to God.

Clarkson.

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NOAH.

Heb. 11: 7.

1. Beginning of faith—"Warned of God."
2. Progress of faith—"Moved with fear."
3. Work of faith—"Prepared an ark."
4. Reward of faith—"Saved His house."
5. Result of faith—"Condemned the world."
6. Inheritance of faith—"Heir of righteousness."

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NON-CONSENTERS.

1. Holy ones not consenting to idolatry. Deut. 13: 8.
2. The world not consenting to the request of God's people. Judges 11: 17.
3. God's people not consenting to the world's demand. 1 Kings 20: 8.
4. The saint not consenting to the sinner's enticement. Prov. 1: 10.
5. The godly man not consenting to Christ's
6. The servant of Christ not consenting to remain and minister. Acts 28: 20.
7. The professor not consenting to God's truth. 1 Tim. 6: 3.

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LOT'S WIFE.

"Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17: 32.

Remember her privileges. Faithfully instructed. Related to one of God's chosen ones. Warned of the danger.

Remember her sin. Presumption, unbelief, and act.

Remember her fate. Merited, sudden, and final.

Practical Reflections.

- Beware of earthly entanglements.
- Beware of questioning God's commands.
- Beware of delays, for they are dangerous.

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THE LAW, WHAT IT COULD NOT DO.

1. It could not make us righteous. Rom. 8: 9, 10.
2. Could not justify. Rom. 3: 20.
3. Could not make us heirs. Rom. 4: 14.
4. Could not reconcile us to God. Rom. 5: 10.
5. Could not free us from death. Rom. 5: 12.
6. Could not deliver us from corruptible bodies. Rom. 7: 24.
7. Could not make God our Father. Rom. 8: 15.

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DEAD BROKE.

A Rescue Mission Talk.

Bible characters representing this class:

The four lepers. 2 Kings 7: 1-12.

The prodigal son. Luke 15.

The publican. Luke 19: 9-15. (The pharisee was also "broke," but did not realize it.)

The sinner must see his lost or "dead broke" condition before he can come to Christ, but when he sees it, he need not remain in that condition an hour. Christ came to supply his needs. 1 Tim. 1: 15; Luke 19: 10; Isa. 1: 18; Heb. 7: 25.

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WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE JUST.

Phil. 4: 8.

God's justice and truth are the reliance of the universe, the stronghold of all its inhabitants. The Most High; the Most Holy; He cannot be deceived, change, or be defeated.

To be just, you must be considerate.

To be just, you must be calm.

To be just, you must be candid.

A straight line is the shortest line between two points.

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PETER'S FALL.

Matt. 26.

Seven steps.

1. Self confidence. V. 35. His fall has begun.
2. Indifference. V. 40. He sleeps amid great issues.
3. Acts in the energy of the flesh. V. 61. The Lord had to undo his work.
4. Worldly companionship. V. 69 f. c. Identified with the enemy.
5. Open denial. V. 70. The first uttered word.
6. Bolder denial. V. 72. Adds the sin of blasphemy.
7. The flesh has full sway. V. 74. Sinning without restraint.

These are the steps in every fall. Beware of the first.

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A CHRISTIAN'S MARKS.

- Saving acquaintance with Christ. 1 Jno. 3: 5.
- Surrender of will to Christ. 1 Jno. 5: 14.
- Sympathy with all the members of Christ. 1 Jno. 3: 14.
- Steadfast abiding in Christ. 1 Jno. 3: 6.
- Successful in conflict through Christ. 1 Jno. 2: 13.
- Seeking to act like Christ. 1 Jno. 2: 29.
- Swayed by the Holy Spirit for Christ. 1 Jno. 3: 24.

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KEEP BRIGHT.

- God's people compared to gold. Lam. 4: 1.
- 1.—The gold prepared and useful.
 1. In its natural state of little use. Israel in Egypt. Ex. 2: 23, 24. Egypt a type of the world.
 2. In refiner's hand, dross removed. Mal. 3: 2, 3; Job. 23: 10. Christians purified through suffering.
 3. In the goldsmith's hand, fashioned and polished. Job 25: 4.
- 2.—The gold grows dim.
 1. Through contamination with earth's defilement. So with Christians.
 2. Through want of use. Service for God will keep us bright.

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FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST.

Phil. 1: 21.

- 1. Life from Christ. Jno. 14: 6; Eph. 2: 1; Jno. 15: 4.
- 2. Life for Christ. Rom. 12: 1; Jno. 15: 8.
- 3. Life with Christ. Jno. 15: 5.
- 4. Life like Christ. Phil. 3: 14; 1 Pet. 2: 21-23.

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MOSES' GREAT CHOICE.

Heb. 11: 24-27.

- 1. Against pleasures of Egypt. V. 25.
- 2. Against possessions of Egypt. V. 26.
- 3. Against perils of Egypt. V. 27.
- Secret of his choice. A dual vision:
 1. Seeing the great white throne. V. 26.
 2. Seeing God. V. 27.

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THE MAN OF GOD.

Bible Reading.

I.—Who are called by this name?

Moses. 1 Chron. 23: 14; 2 Chron. 30: 16; Ezra 3: 2.

Elijah. 1 Kings 17: 18, 24; 2 Kings 1: 9. Elisha. 2 Kings 4: 16, 42; also 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th chapters. 2 Kings 13: 19.

David. 2 Chron. 8: 14; Neh. 12: 24-36.

Hanan. Jer. 35: 4.

The Angel of the Lord. Judges 13: 6.

Four unknown prophets. 1 Sam. 2: 27; 1 Kings 13: 1; 1 Kings 20: 28; 2 Chron. 25: 7-9.

Shemiah. 1 Kings 12: 22.

Timothy. 1 Tim. 6: 11.

II.—Characteristics of a man of God.

1. Endures trial. Elijah, Timothy. David, also.

2. Physical conditions, therefore thoroughly human. Moses, Timothy had dyspepsia.

3. Sinfulness. Moses, David.

4. Sympathetic. Moses and Children of Israel. Elisha "Wept." 2 Kings 8: 11. David wrote psalms.

5. Beneficent. Moses, Elijah, Elisha. 2 Kings 4: 5, 6.

6. Faithful in admonition. The four unknown men. Moses, Samuel (God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you, etc.), Elijah, etc.

7. Receive revelations from God. Moses, Timothy.

8. Like God. Men of high principle, hating sin and loving righteousness.

9. Prayer. Moses, Samuel, Elijah, David.

10. God's instruments. All of them.

11. Power. 1 Kings 17: 24. Moses, Elijah. Elisha's miracles. 2 Kings, 4: 5, 6.

12. Faith. Moses. Heb. 11. Elijah, Timothy.

13. In God's keeping. God with them. Moses, Elijah, David, in his perils, and Psa. 23. "I will fear no evil. For thou art with me."

Consecration makes this possible.

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"HE SHALLS," SEVEN.

He shall deliver. Psa. 91: 3.

He shall cover. Psa. 91: 4.

He shall give. Psa. 91: 11; 37: 4.

He shall bring. Psa. 37: 5, 6.

He shall teach. Jno. 14: 26.

He shall direct. Prov. 3: 6.

He shall guide. Jno. 16: 13.

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PRAYER, PERSEVERANCE, AND PROVIDENCE.

Psa. 34: 6.

This poor man cried. Prayer.

And the Lord heard him. Perseverance.

And He saved him out of all his trouble. Providence.

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DEAD FLIES.

Eccl. 10: 1.

Rudeness.

Irritability.

Selfishness.

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THE BIBLE IDEA OF PERFECTION.

Christ's command. Matt. 5: 48; "Be ye perfect."

I. The nature of this perfection:

1. Word "therefore" refers back to what He has been saying. Note verses 8: 20-22, 28 and 44 all point to the inner heart life, and "love" is the climax, and the key word to the whole chapter. Let us take that and follow it.

2. Love is the highest law. Matt. 22: 37-40.

3. Love fulfills the whole law. Rom. 13: 10.

4. Love is the end of the laws. 1 Tim. 1: 5. Charity is love in action, blessing, comforting; and all this flowing out of a pure heart, etc.

5. Love's precious fruitage. 1 Cor. 13: 4-7.

6. Love is God's best gift. Rom. 5: 1-5.

II. How is love made perfect?

1. By dwelling in God (key word "herein"). 1 Jno. 4: 16-17. Boldness in the judgment results from holy fellowship with the Judge.

2. By the word. Jno. 17: 17; 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 1 Jno. 2: 5.

3. By suffering. As Christ. See Heb. 2: 17, 18; 4: 13; 5: 8-9; James 1: 2-4; 1 Pet. 1: 6, 7; 5: 10. Suffering refines.

4. By the indwelling Spirit and the blood of the covenant. Heb. 13: 20, 21. Working in you.

Note—A perfect character (Abraham, Enoch, Daniel, Job) is one whose whole life in spite of mistakes and defects (David) moves constantly like a ship in the storms, toward God, Heaven, the goal. One purpose, one motive, one great end—Godward.

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INDUSTRY COMMENDED.

Prov. 6: 6.

First lesson is industry. Watch ants—always at work.

Second lesson is perseverance. Watch ants—overcome all the difficulties.

Third lesson is union. Watch ants—help one another.

Fourth lesson is kindness. Watch ants—having games with one another.

Fifth lesson is prudence. Watch ants gather and store the food. They prepare in summer for the winter. So should we, by preparing in the present life for that which is to come.

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CHRISTIANS—WHAT ARE THEY?

They are the children of God. Gal. 3: 26.

They are forgiven. 1 John 2: 12.

They are justified. Acts 13: 39.

They are sanctified. 1 Cor. 1: 1.

They are made nigh unto God. Eph. 2: 13.

They are complete. Col. 2: 10.

They are kings and priests unto God. 1 Pet. 2: 9.

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ROMANS 5: 1, 2.

Justification by faith—Past.

Standing by grace—Present.

Rejoicing in hope—Future.

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PRAYER MEETING, ITS BENEFITS.

"The prayer meeting is the pulse of the church."—Joseph Cook.

1. Soul rest and refreshment. Mark 6: 31.
2. Mutual encouragement. Heb. 10: 25.
3. Better Christian acquaintance. Malchi 8: 16.
4. Spiritual edification. 1 Cor. 14: 26.
5. Increase of faith. Jno. 20: 26-29.
7. Conversion of unbelievers. 1 Cor. 14: 24, 25.
8. Helpfulness to the pastor. Eph. 6: 18, 19.
9. Christ's promised presence. Matt. 18: 19, 20.
10. The Holy Spirit in song and prayer. 1 Cor. 14: 15.

Note—Set apart one hour each week, sacred to the prayer meeting. Plan, pray, study, for the prayer meeting. Take your Bible and a friend. Always put something into the prayer meeting. Pentecost began with a prayer meeting.

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REWARDS OF BELIEVERS.

The Lord Himself is our reward. Gen. 15: 1.
The Lord Himself is our reward now and forever. Jno. 14: 13.

- Reward of trusting. Ruth 2: 12.
- Reward for keeping the word of God. Jno. 14: 23.
- Reward for the persecuted ones. Matt. 5: 11, 12.
- Reward for self-denial. Matt. 15: 27.
- Reward for the humblest service. Mark 9: 41.
- Reward for work. Rev. 22: 12.

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GOD'S JUDGMENTS.

Psa. 38: 6.

Are often unfathomable. We cannot discover the foundation, cause, or spring.

They are safe sailing. Ships never strike on rocks in the great deeps.

They conceal great treasure, and work great good. Great deep, not a salt and barren wilderness, is one of the great blessings to the world.

Becomes a highway of communication with God.

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ART OF CARRYING LOADS.

(Should be understood.)

"Cast thy burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." Psa. 55: 22.

1. A good road is a great relief to a heavy burden.
2. Whether large or little, if the load be hard, ease yourself by interposing some soft lining. Try the pad Patience.
3. The art of packing or adjusting.

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SCRIPTURES OPENED FOR US.

Luke 24: 32.

By attentive reading. Timothy as an example of diligence.

By careful comparison. One part the counterpart of another.

By prayer and meditation. The Spirit of light and truth shall guide us.

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RELIGION AND RUBIES COMPARED.

Prov. 3: 15.

Ruby—Beautiful gem; reckoned the next most valuable among precious stones to the diamond.

1. By comparison, religion is more precious than the ruby in the way of instruction.

2. By comparison, religion is more precious than the ruby in the way of help. Rubies are valuable, but religion is a present help.

3. By comparison, religion is more precious than the ruby in the way of comfort. Rubies are but stones; religion is of the heart.

4. By comparison, religion is more precious than the ruby in the way of ornament. Rubies adorn outwardly, but we wear religion as a garment.

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"TEACH ME."

Psa. 25: 5.

Teach me to do Thy will. Psa. 143: 10.

Teach me Thy paths. Psa. 25: 4.

Teach me Thy way. Psa. 27: 11.

Teach me Thy statutes. Psa. 119: 12.

Teach me Thy judgments. Psa. 119: 108.

Teach us to pray. Luke 11: 1.

Teach us to number our days. Psa. 90: 12.

That which I see not, teach Thou me.

Job 34: 32.

Teach me and I will hold my tongue. Job 6: 24.

I will . . . teach thee in the way that thou shalt go. Psa. 32: 8.

Jno. 14: 26.

The Holy Ghost shall teach you all things.

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PROMISE TO THE CHURCH.

In Pergamos. Rev. 2: 17.

1. Perfect access to God. "The Hidden Manna" was in the ark, and only the priest had access to it, and that but occasionally. Our access is full and free. "Eat of the Hidden Manna."

2. Acquittal. "White stone" was cast by ancient judges instead of black ball. Acquittal means far more than forgiveness.

3. New nature. Name stands everywhere in the Bible for nature.

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BIBLE, HOW TO STUDY.

Read it prayerfully. Psa. 119: 18.

Depend upon the Holy Spirit. Jno. 14: 26.

With honest heart. Luke 8: 15.

Religiously. Acts 17: 11.

Diligently. Deut. 6: 6, 7.

Bible is a sure and certain guide.

Bible is a guide adapted to every circumstance and season.

Bible is the worker's book.

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GRACE, IN HEBREWS.

1. Atonement by grace. Heb. 2: 9.

2. Access through grace. Heb. 4: 16.

3. Anger toward grace. Heb. 10: 9.

4. Away from grace. Heb. 12: 15.

5. Acceptance by grace. Heb. 12: 28.

6. Assurance of grace. Heb. 13: 9.

7. Abundance of grace. Heb. 13: 25.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TAUGHT BY JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

1.—Data. Jno. 3: 5, 6, 8; 7: 38; 14: 16; 2: 3-26; 15: 26; 16: 7-15; 20: 22.

2.—Names.

1. Spirit. 3: 5.
2. The Spirit. 3: 6-8; 6: 63.
3. The advocate. 14: 26; 15: 26; 16: 7.
4. Another. 14: 16.
5. The Spirit of truth. 14: 17; 15: 26; 16: 13.
6. The Holy Spirit. 14: 26.
7. Strength Living Water. 7: 38, 39.

3.—Personality.

1.—Proven from relations to men, godly and ungodly.

1.—Godly.

1. Born of Spirit. 3: 5, 6, 8.
2. Their advocate. 14: 16.
3. Teach all things. 14: 26.
4. Remind them of all Jesus taught. 14: 26.

2.—1. He teaches future events. 16: 13.

2. He guides into all truth. 16: 13.

3. He announces thing of Christ. 16: 13.

4. Abides as Christ and the Father. 14: 16-23.

3. Ungodly. He will convict world.

16: 18.

1. Of sin.

2. Of righteousness.

3. Of judgment.

Bear witness to the world of Christ.

15: 26.

We must go.

"Convict" and "bear witness" are personal acts as "send," "pray."

A.—His relation to Jesus.

1. He is "another advocate," Jesus being one. 14: 16.

2. Comes name of Christ. 14: 26.

3. Brings teachings Christ before minds disciples. 14: 26.

4. Takes things Christ shows unto disciples. 16: 14.

5. Bears witness of Christ. 15: 26. (Same said of disciples next verse.)

6. Jesus sends him from Father. 15: 26; 16: 7.

7. He glorifies Christ. 16: 14.

B.—His Relations to the Father.

Gives Spirit. 14: 26. Gave Jesus. 3: 16. Sends Spirit. 14: 26.

C.—Pronouns used. 14: 26. 16: 8. 13: 14.

D.—Acts ascribed.

Birth children God. 3: 3-8. Abides forever. 14: 16.

Reminds what Jesus thought. 14: 26.

Leads into all truth. 16: 13.

Hears. 16: 13. Glorious Christ—Receives message from Christ—Gives unto Disciples. 16: 14.

World—Sin, righteousness, judgment. 16: 7-11.

E.—Who gives Spirit?

1. Father. 14: 15-26.

2. Jesus. 15: 26; 16: 7.

F.—To whom?

Those believing on Jesus. 7: 38, 39. Keep commandments. 14: 15-26.

G.—Given for what purpose?

Lead all truth. 16: 13.

Teach disciples all things. 14: 26.

Remind what Jesus taught. 14: 26.

Testify of Christ. 15: 26.

Announce coming events. 16: 13.

With them forever. 15: 16.

Convict men through those who preach and live truth.

H.—Long remain forever. 14: 16.

I.—Reception.

1. Believing Christ. 7: 38, 39.

2. Keeping commandments. 14: 15.

3. Praying Christ. 14: 16.

4. Departure Christ. 16: 7.

Jno. 20: 22 most teaching of Our Savior concerning Holy Spirit is given in the last discourse before crucifixion. Why HE would not come before departure of Jesus.

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BEST AIM, THE.

Do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10: 31.

Take aim, not act heedlessly. Practise.

Proper aim. Promote God's glory.

We were made for it, and we can all do it.

It is most profitable. After doing business and paying expenses, what we have left is our profit.

It is most satisfying and lasting. Name, fame and money may be ours, but they will pass away.

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MEMORY, POWER OF.

Ezek. 16: 61.

Old lady of eighty recalls acts when eighty years old. Happiness or misery it will give as we look back. Remember holidays, red-letter days. Instance—Joseph and brethren, Job and his riches. Acts of kindness fragrant. Undutifulness and disobedience in youth reap an after harvest of unquiet thoughts.

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USE OF A BOY.

Jno. 6: 9.

How was the boy in the multitude? He was desirous of hearing Christ speak. Boys always found in the crowd; always to the front. We may learn—

1. The interest a boy can have in Jesus.

2. The use Jesus can make of a boy.

3. Always best to keep in good company, for being blessed, and becoming a blessing to others.

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DOOR OF SALVATION.

Implies outside by nature. Gen. 3: 24.

Safety inside the strong city. Isa. 26: 1.

Christ the door.

At the entrance of our life of service.

Must pass through by, pass by.

All may and must enter. In and out.

Free use of an abode. To go in, desire for repose; and out, for rich pasturage. Psa. 23.

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GOD'S ATTRIBUTES.

Long suffering. Num. 14: 18.

Righteous. Ezra 9: 15.

Just. Deut. 32: 4.

Jealous. Josh. 24: 19.

Upright. Psa. 25: 8.

Perfect. Matt. 5: 48.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY.

As set forth in Philipians.

1. Prayer, 1: 4.
2. Gospel service, 1: 18.
3. Exercise of faith, 1: 25.
4. Works of grace, 2: 2.
5. Day of Christ, 2: 16.
6. Persecution, 2: 17.
7. Christian Fellowship, 2: 24-28.
8. Fellowship with God, 3: 1.
9. Perpetuity, 4: 4.

Henry Thorne.

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BEST NAME, THE.

A name which is above every name. Phil. 2. Jesus. Savior.

It is so simple. Five letters. He has many other names. Ask children to write and search out all they can find.

It is so full of meaning. Little name, but yet great. Saves us from our sins.

It is so full of power. Dear to the martyrs at the stake. Dear to suffering people and to all.

It never changes. Same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

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GATHERING THE FRAGMENTS.

Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost. Jno. 6: 12.

The scene was the miracle of feeding the five thousand.

Note.

1. Gather up the fragments of time. Time most valuable, especially of youth.

2. The fragments of knowledge should be gathered. Knowledge must be useful. Almost everything we learn will become useful and of service some time. Store your heart with true knowledge. A youth committed parts of the Bible to memory, and in manhood an accident deprived him of his sight. In old age he found the comfort and joy of his early zeal.

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PRAYER IDEALS.

- Of argument. John 18: 1.
 - Of attitude. Eph. 3: 20.
 - Of spirit. Phil. 4: 6.
 - Of petition. Luke 11: 1.
 - Of condition. Ac. 21: 14.
 - Of exhortation. Eph. 6: 18, 19.
 - A place for prayer. Matt 6: 6.
 - A time for prayer. Acts 3: 1.
 - An outlook for prayer. Dan. 6: 10.
 - A partner in prayer. Matt. 18: 19.
 - A helper at hand. Rom. 8: 26.
 - An advocate at court. Rom. 8: 34.
 - A Father on the throne. John 16: 27.
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WHERE IS THY GOD?

Psa. 42: 3-10.

God's answer to cheer His own children.

1. He is above us. Jos. 2: 11.
2. He is around us. Psa. 125: 2.
3. He is before us. Ex. 13: 21.
4. He is behind us. Isa. 30: 21.
5. He is beneath us. Deut. 33: 27.
6. He is with us. Isa. 41: 10-13.
7. He is in us. Col. 1: 27.

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SEVEN NEW THINGS IN 2 CORINTHIANS 5.

1. A new home—We have a building of God eternal in the heavens. 1-4.

2. A new possession—"the earnest of the Spirit," who inspires us with confidence concerning that home. 5-8.

3. A new walk—By faith rather than sight. 7.

4. A new aim—To be accepted of or well-pleasing unto our Lord, for the reason indicated. 9, 10, r. v.

5. A new duty—To live unto our Lord on the ground of His death and resurrection for us. 12-15, especially 15.

6. A new life—Being in Christ new creatures. 17.

7. A new work—The ministry of reconciliation. 18-21. Rev. James M. Gray, D. D.

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SABBATH DAY.

Remember to keep it holy. Ex. 20: 8-12.

"Remember." The only time it is used in all the commandments. So it is important, as we are apt to forget it sometimes.

What does the Sabbath day mean? Rest.

How may it be kept holy? By resting from work, and thinking about and worshipping God.

Why should we keep it holy? Three reasons. Because,

1. God commands it.
2. For our own health's sake.
3. For the good of others.

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ABUNDANTLY PARDON.

Isa. 55: 7.

"Multiply pardons" is the exact rendering.

1. Multiplies number of pardons. Forgives to the utmost.
2. Multiplies claims of his pardon. It is as if nothing had ever happened. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."
3. Multiplies results of pardon. Like an inseting sea whose successive tides cleanse everything into or upon which they flow.

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EXCUSES, HOLLOW.

The excuse of unbelief. Jno. 3: 12.

The excuse of fear. Luke 19: 11-27.

The excuse of procrastination. Acts 24: 22-27.

The excuse of false modesty. Num. 13: 26-33.

The excuse of other business. Luke 14: 16-24.

Therefore make no excuses. Jno. 4: 31-38. Will our excuses stand? Acts 26: 19-28.

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CHARACTERISTICS NEEDED IN WORK.

1 Tim 4: 12-16.

1. Character. V. 12.
 2. Mental equipment. V. 13.
 3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit. V. 14.
 4. Meditation. V. 15, 1 cl.
 5. Consecration. V. 15, 2 cl.
 6. Diligence. V. 16, 1 cl.
 7. Perseverance. V. 16, 2 cl.
- Mark the reward in V. 16 last clause.

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CHRISTIAN'S CONVERSATION.

- 1.—When to speak. Eccl. 3: 7; Isa. 50: 4.
- 2.—How to speak.
 1. In well ordered words. Psalms. 50: 23.
 2. Sincerely. 2 Cor. 1: 12.
- 3.—What not to speak.
 1. The former conversation. Eph. 2: 3.
 2. As sinners. 1 Jno. 4: 5.
 3. In vain words. 1 Pet. 1: 13.
 4. In idle words. Matt. 12: 36.
 5. In filthy words. 2 Pet. 2: 7.
 6. Covetously. Heb. 13: 5.
 7. Evil of another. Jas. 4: 11.
- 4.—What to speak.
 1. Pure words. 1 Tim. 4: 12; 1 Pet. 3: 2, c. f.; Eph. 5: 4.
 2. Gospel truth. Phil. 1: 27; 3: 20; 1 Pet. 1: 15; 3: 1.
- 5.—To whom shall we speak?
 1. To God. Deut. 5: 24; Ex. 33: 9.
 2. To sinners. Ezek. 33: 8.
- 6.—About what shall we speak?
 1. The Word. Deut. 6: 7.
 2. God's righteousness. Psalms. 71: 24.
 3. God's power. Psalms. 145: 11.

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TEN EVIDENCES OF CONVERSION.

1. A full surrender of the will to God. Josh. 24: 15, 16; Matt. 6: 10.
2. The removal of a burden of sin, gradually or suddenly. 1 Jno. 1: 9.
3. A new feeling of love to Christians and to Jesus. 1 John 3: 14.
4. A new relish for the Word of God. Psalms. 119: 10, 11, 14, 15, 16.
5. Pleasure in secret prayer—at least at times. Matt. 6: 6.
6. Sin or sinful thoughts will cause pain. Psalms. 51: 1-4.
7. Desire and efforts for the salvation of others. Rom. 3: 2-3; Matt. 4: 19.
8. A desire to obey Christ in His commands and ordinances. 1 John 3: 24; 2: 3.
9. Deep humility and self-abasement. Jas. 4: 10.
10. A growing desire to be holy and like Christ. 1 John 3: 3.

"If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." He that is wise will search himself and see if he has this spirit—these evidences of a Christian life.

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CHRIST'S LOVE TO MAN.

1. Is genuine. Mark 10: 21.
2. Is self-sacrificing. Jno. 15: 13; Gal. 2: 20.
3. Is responsive. Jno. 14: 21.
4. Is incomprehensible. Eph. 3: 19.
5. Is faithful. Rom. 8: 35.
6. Is enduring. Jno. 13: 1.
7. Is God-like. Jno. 15: 9.

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PATH OF LIFE.

Psalms. 16: 11.

A guide. Thou.
A traveler. Me.
A way. The path.
The end. Life.
All solitary. One Guide. One traveler.
One way. One life. Bring all together and make them one.

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SERVICE.

Luke 17: 1-10.

1. Invitation—Come—Rest. Matt. 11: 28.
2. Command—Go—Work. Matt. 28: 19; Eph. 4: 12.
1. Service—
 - Never at random. Always definite. Always in obedience to a Master. Rom. 6: 16.
 - Also: Every act is service. Luke 11: 23; 16: 13.
2. God—
 - Calls to service. Acts 13: 2.
 - Fits for service. Acts 1: 8.
3. Not a means of Salvation. Matt. 5: 20; Luke 18: 11, 12.
4. How rendered—
 1. With zeal. Eccl. 9: 10. Might.
 2. Humility. Phil. 2: 3; Luke 22: 24.
 3. Boldness. Heb. 13: 6, cf.; 1 Jno. 2: 28; 4: 17; 2 Tim. 1: 12.
 4. Unselfishness. 1 Cor. 10: 23.
5. What should prompt service—
 1. Love—Desire to glorify God;
 2. Not desire for reward.

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FIVE GREAT THINGS.

1. The greatest thing on earth is the soul of man. Its value is infinitely beyond comparison with everything else. One soul is greater than the universe. Gen. 1: 26; Matt. 16: 26; Matt. 13: 45, 46.
2. The greatest work is the salvation of the soul from sin. Salvation relieves misery and confers more happiness than all the works of all the philanthropists. Psalms. 49: 8; Heb. 2: 3; Matt. 10: 28.
3. The greatest evil is sin, issuing from the heart—the source of all suffering and death. Jer. 44: 4; Rom. 5: 12; 7: 24.
4. The gospel is the only remedy for sin and sorrow. Other remedies spurious and ineffectual. Rom. 1: 16; 1 Cor. 1: 21; Acts 4: 12.
5. The church is the only society organized by the Lord, to carry this remedy to sinful and suffering humanity. The church as a consolidated body, embodies the wisdom, power and promise of God for nearly all possible moral and spiritual good. Matt. 5: 13; Mark 16: 15, 16; Eph. 3: 10.

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OUR BEST HELPER.

"I will help thee." Isa. 41: 10.
I and thee. Two persons. The person speaking is Jesus our God, who can help, and the person spoken to means everybody who needs His help and seeks it.
He is always near to help.
He is always able to help.
He is always willing to help.
He is always kind in helping.

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CHRISTIANS—WHAT THEY SHALL BE.

Saved from wrath. Rom. 5: 19.
Saved by His life. Rom. 5: 10.
Heirs of salvation. Heb. 1: 13, 14.
Sons and daughters. 2 Cor. 6: 17, 18.
For ever with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4: 16, 17.
Like Christ. 1 John 3: 2.

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CHRIST'S SUCCESSOR.

Christ declares His departure to Heaven. Jno. 16: 5-7.

Apostles witness His ascension. Acts 1: 9-11.

He promised to send the comforter. Jno. 14: 15-17.

They await the fulfillment of promise. Acts 2: 1.

He comes. Acts 2: 2, 3.

He speaks through the apostles. Acts 2: 4.

He reproves the world. Jno. 16: 8-11.

He guides the apostles. Jno. 16: 13.

He glorifies Jesus through them. Jno. 16: 14, 15.

He implants God's love in the heart. Rom. 5: 5.

Through Him believers have the kingdom. Rom. 14: 7.

He witnesses to our adoption. Rom. 8: 15, 16.

He intercedes for us. Rom. 8: 26, 27.

He selects elders (pastors) for the church. Acts 20: 28.

He makes our bodies His temples. 1 Cor. 3: 16, 17; 6: 19, 20.

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FORGIVENESS.

Bible examples—

Paul. 2 Tim. 4: 16.

Stephen. Acts 7: 60.

David. 1 Sam. 24: 7.

Joseph. Gen. 50: 20, 21.

Jesus Christ. Luke 23: 34.

Forgive because Christ set us the example. Luke 23: 34.

Forgive because God commands it. Mark 11: 25; Rom. 12: 19.

Forgiveness to be without limit. Math. 18: 22; Luke 17: 4.

Motives which should prompt forgiveness—

1. That we may be forgiven. Mark 11: 25; Luke 6: 37.

2. Because God has forgiven us. Eph. 4: 32.

That which should accompany forgiveness—

1. Forbearance. Col. 3: 13.

2. Kindness. Rom. 12: 20.

3. Blessing and prayer. Matt. 5: 44.

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CONDITIONS OF PRAYER.

Faith. Jas. 1: 6-8.

Mediation. Jno. 14: 6.

Conciliation. Matt. 5: 24; 6: 12.

Confession. 1 Jno. 1: 9.

Repentance. Psa. 66: 18.

Assurance. 1 Jno. 5: 14, 15.

Submission. Mark 13: 36.

Obedience. Jno. 9: 31.

Abiding. Jno. 15: 7.

Steadfastness. Jas. 1: 6.

Persistence. Luke 18: 1.

Patience. Gal. 6: 9.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT.

Gal. 5: 22.

Cluster of graces—

1. That fruit is expected.

2. Fruit shows the vitality of the tree.

3. Variety of fruit.

4. Fruit is the offering of the tree.

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WHEN JESUS SPEAKS.

Authorized Version.

1. In the miracle at Cana Jesus speaks thirty-one words; nine directly on the miracle and only six explicit. Note—"Fill the waterpots with water." John 2: 7.

2. In the healing of the nobleman's son, Jesus speaks sixteen words, six are definite. Note—"Go thy way, thy son liveth." John 4: 50.

3. In the draught of fishes Jesus speaks twenty-one words; thirteen are direct. Note—"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Luke 5: 4.

4. In the healing of the leper Jesus speaks thirty-six words; only five are direct. Note—"I will; be thou clean." Matt. 8: 3.

5. In the stilling of the sea Jesus speaks thirteen words; but three are direct. Note—"Peace be still." Mark 4: 39.

6. In the curing of the demoniac of Gadara, Jesus speaks thirty-four words; only one is direct. Note—"Go." Matt. 8: 32.

7. To Peter on the water. Note—"Come." Matt. 14: 29.

Rev. Henry Ostrom.

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PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH.

Acts 8: 26-29.

Individual Work for the Individual.

1. When most successful with crowd in Galilee, Philip was ordered to go toward Gaza, "which is desert."

2. Philip found Providence had been doing individual work before him. Brought the eunuch upon the road at just the right time to meet Philip, and under circumstances most favorable—returning from worship at Jerusalem and reading Isaiah's prophecy concerning Christ.

3. The Spirit joined Philip in the personal guest. Directed Philip. V. 29. Sealed his preaching. V. 35.

Rev. John Balcom Shaw.

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CHRIST, MIND OF

Phil. 2: 5.

His patient mind. Luke 22: 25.

His gentle mind. Luke 22: 26.

His humble mind. Luke 22: 27.

I seek not Mine own will. Jno. 5: 30.

I do nothing of Myself. Jno. 8: 28.

I have not come of Myself. Jno. 8: 12.

I seek not Mine own glory. Jno. 8: 50.

He came "to minister." Mark 10: 45.

His gracious mind. Luke 22: 28.

His faithful mind. Luke 22: 29.

His prayerful mind. Luke 22: 32.

His trustful mind. Luke 22: 32.

His obedient mind. Luke 22: 37.

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BEST MERCHANDISE.

Prov. 3: 14.

For the merchandise of it (wisdom) is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

It is the best, because it is the business you can begin sooner than any other; it is easier to learn than any other; you can have better partners; it yields more profit than any other, and there is more room for enjoying it than in any other.

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MAN'S LIFE PLANNED BY GOD.

"Every man's life is a plan of God."

—Bushnell.

Christ's life a plan of God.

1. At twelve, about His Father's business. Luke 2: 49.
 2. Baptized to fulfill all righteousness. Matt. 3: 15.
 3. His meat and drink the Father's will. Jno. 4: 34.
 4. His brethren. Mark 3: 35.
 5. He came in Father's name. Jno. 5: 43.
 6. His influence over men due to the Father indwelling. Jno. 6: 44.
 7. Sent by the Father. Jno. 6: 57.
 8. Loved by the Father. Jno. 6: 57.
 9. Did nothing independent of Father. Jno. 5: 19.
 10. His authority to execute judgment was of God. Jno. 5: 26, 27.
 11. Spake as taught of God. Jno. 8: 28; Jno. 12: 49, 50.
 12. His works due to the Father indwelling. Jno. 14: 10.
 13. He answered prayer. Jno. 14: 13.
 14. In ages to come. 1 Cor. 15: 24.
- The Passion of Christ's Life.
- Please the Father. Jno. 8: 29.
- Honor the Father. Jno. 8: 49.
- Glorify the Father. Jno. 8: 50.
- Work the works of the Father. Jno. 9: 4.
- Live in Father's love. Jno. 10: 17.
- Keep Father's commandments. Jno. 15: 10.
- The greatest mistake any man can make is to fail to find the plan of God in his life.
- 1 Jno. 2: 19. H. E. Crowell.

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AFFLICTIONS.

1. Design of. Deut. 30: 1-3; Isa. 4: 3, 4; Dan. 4: 25-27, 34; Heb. 2: 10-18; 5: 8, 9; 12: 3-11; 1 Pet. 1: 6, 7.
 2. Resignation in. Job 5: 17; 13: 15; 34: 31, 32; Prov. 3: 11; Lam. 3: 22-39; Rom. 12: 12; 1 Pet. 4: 12, 13, 19.
 3. Consolation in. Gen. 21: 17; 26: 24; Ex. 3: 7, 8; 14: 13, 14; Job 5: 6-27; Matt. 25: 34-36, 40; Jno. 16: 20, 22, 33; 1 Pet. 2: 21-24; Jas. 1: 12, 27.
 4. Prayer in. Gen. 32: 11; 2 Chron. 14: 11; 20: 12; 33: 12, 13; Neh. 9: 32; Isa. 64: 1, 9, 11, 12; Jonah 2: 1-10; Jas. 5: 13-16.
 5. Benefits of. 1 Kings 8: 33, 47-49; Eccl. 7: 2, 3; Isa. 19: 20, 22; Ezek. 20: 37, 43; Phil. 1: 12-14, 19; Jas. 1: 2, 4, 12; 1 Pet. 1: 7; 4: 14.
- J. A. Kring.

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GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CALLED.

- Believers. 1 Tim. 4: 12.
- Christians. 1 Pet. 4: 16.
- Saints. Eph. 3: 18.
- Brethren. Heb. 2: 11.
- Sons of God. 1 John 3: 2.
- Friends. John 15: 14.
- Sheep. John 10: 14.

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GOD'S WORD.

- Enduring. Isa. 40: 8; 1 Pet. 1: 25.
- Life-giving. Jno. 6: 63-68.
- Healing. Psal. 107: 20; Matt. 8: 8.
- Discerning. Heb. 4: 12.
- Profitable. 2 Tim. 3: 16.
- Nourishing. 1 Tim. 4: 6; 1 Pet. 2: 2.
- Comforting. 1 Thess. 4: 18.

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FAITH.

Gen. 22: 1-14.

- I. Faith tested. V. 1, 2 cf. Heb. 11: 17.
 1. Was necessary. (1) A mark of sonship. Cf. Heb. 12: 7. (2) To refine the true in man. (3) To prove loyalty equal to the heathen (child worship).
 2. The test. (1) Surrender of only beloved son. (2) Sacrifice. Cf. Jno. 3: 16. Our sacrifice to be. Rom. 12: 1. Our sacrifice to be profitable. Heb. 12: 11.
- II.—Faith triumphs. V. 3-10.
 1. Prompt to obey. V. 3 cf. Psal. 119: 6-60; Gal. 1: 15, 16.
 2. Complete confidence. V. 7, 8 cf. Heb. 11: 19.
- III.—Faith rewarded. V. 11, 14.
 1. By divine intervention. V. 11, 12. Cf. 1 Cor. 10: 13; 2 Pet. 2: 9.
 2. By divine approval. V. 12.
 3. By special divine manifestation. V. 14-18.

Note—God spared Isaac, but not his own son. W. F. Carey.

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TURNED FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

- Seeking salvation. Acts 16: 30; Luke 18: 13.
- Lost in sin. Rom. 3: 22, 23; Rom. 6: 23.
- Rejecting Christ. Jno. 19: 15; Luke 19: 14.
- Hating God. Psal. 14: 1.
- Awakened by the Word. Acts 2: 37.
- Convicted by the spirit. Psal. 51: 4; Luke 24: 47.
- Saved. Jno. 9: 38; Acts 3: 6-8.
- 25: 21.
13. Sanctified. 1 Cor. 6: 11.
- Working. James 1: 25.
- Rejoicing. Luke 6: 23; 1 Pet. 1: 8.
- Gaining ground. Rom. 8: 35-39.
- Older but near God. Isa. 46: 4; Psal. 37: 25.
- The end in sight. 2 Tim. 4: 6-8.
- Victory. 1 Cor. 15: 54-7.
- With Christ. Rev. 7: 14-17.

L. E. Coad.

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PRODIGAL SON.

Luke 15: 11-24.

Parable primarily refers to a child of God out of communion, for the prodigal is already a son. Addressed to all sinners also, showing the discontent of man and natural alienation of the heart from God. The far country. Man's great distance from God spiritually. He came to himself. Having been crazy, with confession. It is useless to think of approaching God unless we come on the ground of ruined sinners.

Father's sight was good. God stops the confession with the word of welcome and peace.

Rejoicing and reinstating of sonship.

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FIRE PLACES.

1. Power—Hands. Isa. 49: 16.
2. Safety—Shoulder. Ex. 23: 12; Luke 15: 5.
3. Comfort—Heart. Ex. 28: 29.
4. Knowledge—Feet. Luke 10: 39.
5. Hope—Risen. Col. 3: 1-4.

Rev. Walter Veazie.

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MULTUM IN PARVO.

John 3: 16, is concentrated theology. Luther called it the "Little Bible." It is the "Proposition" of the whole Inspired Treatise, and has more of God in it than the whole universe beside. The man who has comprehended it, is a D. D., and has inscribed on his heart the diploma of the school of Christ.

First, it strikes a blow at each of the following false views of God:

Atheism, the doctrine that there is no God, by the affirmation, "God."

Agnosticism, the doctrine that you can't know God, by the statement, "God so loved."

Deism, the doctrine of a don't-care God, by the declaration, "God gave."

Pantheism, the doctrine that the World is God, by proclaiming, "God loved a world."

Eddyism, the doctrine of an impersonal God, by the personal pronoun, "God gave HIS Son."

Unitarianism, the doctrine of a solitary God, by announcing, "His ONLY begotten."

Second, it deals as summarily with the prevalent false views of salvation:—

At Naturalism, or salvation without life, by conditioning "eternal life." ("Ye must be born again," "there is a new creature.")

At Legalism, or salvation without faith, by specifying "he that believeth."

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WARRANT FOR COMING TO CHRIST.

1. Permitted to come. Jno. 7: 17. If any man "wills." Rev. 22: 17. "Whosoever will."

2. Invited to come. Isa. 55: 1; Matt. 11: 28.

3. Entreated to come. 2 Cor. 5: 20.

4. Commanded to come. 1 Jno. 3: 23; Heb. 11: 6.

5. Compelled to come. Luke 14: 23.

6. Assured of a present and certain salvation if we come. Jno. 3: 16; 5: 24; 6: 37.

7. The sinner will be lost if he does not come. Mark 16: 16; Jno. 3: 18; 2 Thess. 1: 7, 8. Rev. J. H. Brookes, D. D.

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NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.

2 Pet. 3d Chapt.

1. Beloved be mindful. V. 1, 2. A call to look back.

2. Beloved be not ignorant. V. 8, 11, 12. An invitation to look up.

3. Beloved be diligent. V. 14, 15. An encouragement to look forward.

4. Beloved beware. V. 17, 18. A warning to look around.

Captain Dawson.

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WHY CHRIST CAME.

1. To bear witness. Jno. 18: 37.

2. To be a Light. Jno. 12: 28.

3. To die. Jno. 12: 37.

4. To call to repentance. Matt. 9: 13.

5. To give life. Jno. 10: 10.

6. To bring a sword. Matt. 10: 35.

7. Not to judge the world. Jno. 12: 37.

R. E. Neighbour.

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ESSENTIALS FOR GOD'S WORK—

Every Christian called to work. Mark 13: 34. "Every man." 1 Cor. 12: 11. "Divideth to every man."

Son of God sent to save.

Sons of God saved to serve.

1. Assurance. 2 Tim. 1: 12. Must know for one's self to lead others.

2. Study of the word. It keeps sin out. Psalms 119: 11. It builds up character. Acts 20: 32. Fits for service. 2 Tim. 2: 15.

3. Tract. 1 Cor. 9: 22. Jesus and the disciples used sanctified common sense.

4. Realization and power of prayer. 1 Thess. 5: 17; Luke 11: 5-10.

5. Emptied of self—experiencing. Gal. 5: 24. Able to say. Gal. 2: 20.

6. Filled with the Spirit. Acts 1: 8; Eph. 5: 18. With the Spirit, work ineffective.

Weston R. Gales.

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QUIT YOU LIKE MEN.

1 Cor. 16: 13.

The man who is always talking war is a coward. The true warrior is the man who loves peace, but when war is forced upon him fights like seven men. The men who move the world are the men whom the world can't move.

Essential to Christian growth and development—

A pure atmosphere. Phil. 4: 8.

A good appetite. Matt. 5: 6.

Best food—bread. Jno. 6: 51.

Milk. 1 Pet. 2: 2.

Meat. 1 Cor. 3: 2.

Sunshine. Mal. 4: 2.

Light. 2 Cor. 4: 6.

Exercise, light. Eph. 5: 2-8.

Exercise, gradual. 1 Cor. 9: 24.

Rest. Mark 6: 31.

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CONCERNING LIGHT.

God is light. 1 John 1: 5.

And—

Father of it. Jas. 1: 17.

Christ is light. John 8: 12.

The Bible is light. 2 Pet. 1: 19.

Christians are light. Matt. 5: 14.

And should

Walk in it. 1 John 1: 7.

Believe in it. John 12: 36.

Wear it. Rom. 13: 12.

Declare

It is good. Gen. 1: 4.

It is joy. Est. 8: 16.

It is seed. Psalms 97: 11.

Keep out of the shade.

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"AFAR OFF."

1. Eph. 2: 13; Ye were afar off—Afar off by sin.

2. Luke 15: 13; A far country—Afar off by wandering.

3. Luke 18: 13; Standing afar off—Afar off from grace.

4. Rev. 18: 10; Standing afar off—Afar off for judgment.

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THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.

The Man Christ Jesus was the only perfect Man that ever trod this earth.

He was perfection. Perfect in thought and word and deed.

"In Him is no sin." 1 Jno. 3: 5.

"He knew no sin." 2 Cor. 5: 21.

"He did no sin." 1 Pet. 2: 22.

God wants us to be like Him, and to act like Him. Look at this:

1. Christ was holy. "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy."

"Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Pet. 1: 15, 16.

2. Harmless. "Be ye therefore harmless. That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God." Matt. 10: 16; Phil. 2: 15.

3. Undeified. "Blessed are the undeified in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Psal. 119: 1.

4. Separate from sinners. Heb. 7: 26. "Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate and touch not the unclean." 2 Cor. 6: 17.

James Sprunt.

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"MUCH MORE."

Rom. 5: 10.

The Pauline comparative. Signifies "more many times"—indefinitely larger or greater.

1. "Much more" of sanctification. Rom. 5: 9, 10.

2. "Much more" of spiritual dominion. Rom. 5: 17.

3. "Much more" of God's grace or of God's love. Rom. 5: 20.

Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D.

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ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST.

Eph. 1: 3.

Chosen. Eph. 1: 4.

Predestinated. Eph. 1: 5.

Adopted. Eph. 1: 5.

Accepted. Eph. 1: 6.

Sealed. Eph. 1: 13.

Raised. Eph. 2: 6.

Seated. Eph. 2: 6.

Rev. H. P. Welton.

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AS TO TEACHING.

Our charge is. 2 Tim. 4: 1, 2.

Our resolution. Rom. 1: 16, 17.

Our practice. Acts 17: 2.

Our watchword. Isa. 8: 20.

Our prayer. Psal. 119: 18.

Our sufficiency. 2 Tim. 3: 16.

Our defense. Acts 4: 19.

Our exhortation. Eph. 6: 18, 19.

Our triumph. 2 Tim. 4: 7.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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NEW BIRTH.

It brings new things.

1. A new creation. 2 Cor. 5: 17.

2. A new life. 1 John 5: 12.

3. A new peace. Rom. 5: 1.

4. A new love. 1 John 3: 14.

5. A new evidence (witness). 1 John 5: 10.

6. A new outlook. Rom. 8: 1.

Levi Johnson.

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PRAYER.

1. Commanded. Luke 2: 9; Eph. 6: 17, 18; Col. 4: 2.

2. Promises. 2 Chron. 7: 14; Isa. 65: 24; Rom. 8: 8-26; Jno. 16: 23, 24.

3. Answered petitions. Jacob, Abraham, Elijah, Hezekiah, David, Daniel, (Ch. 9), Peter, Acts 4: 31; Chs. 10-12.

4. The example of Jesus Christ. Luke 5: 16; Luke 9: 29; Mark 1: 35; Mark 6: 10; Luke 22: 44.

Conditions.

1. Sense of need. Luke 18: 9-15.

2. Humility. 2 Chron. 7: 14.

3. Forsake evil. 2 Chron. 7: 14.

4. Forgive one another. Mark 2: 25, 26.

5. Faith. Mark 2: 24.

6. Unity. Matt. 18: 19, 20.

7. Perseverance. Eph. 6: 18.

8. In the name of Christ. Jno. 14: 13, 14.

9. Fruitfulness. Jno. 15: 16.

10. Thanksgiving. Phil. 4: 6.

Rev. H. M. Morey.

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RESULTS OF RETURNING TO GOD.

A study of the 14th chapter of Hosea.

1. Healing. V. 4. I will heal.

2. Love. V. 4. I will love.

3. Refreshment. V. 5. I will be as the dew.

4. Growth. V. 5. Grow as the lily.

5. Beauty. V. 6. Beauty as the olive.

6. Abiding. V. 7. They that dwell, shall return.

7. Truthfulness. V. 8. From me, is fruit.

Rev. J. H. Brookes, D. D.

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COMPLETE CHRISTIAN.

Seven elements in Christian living—

1 Thess. 5: 16-22.

1. Constant joy. V. 16.

2. Constant prayer. V. 17.

3. Constant thanksgiving. V. 18.

4. Constant response to the Holy Spirit. V. 19.

5. Constant attention to testimony. V. 20.

6. Constant search for the good. V. 21.

7. Constant purity. V. 22.

Thomas Johnson.

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FIELD OF LABOR.

1. At home. Loved ones. Jno. 1: 40-42.

2. Among friends. Jno. 1: 45-49.

3. Among the lost. Jno. 4: 7-42.

4. In prisons. Acts 16: 30-34.

5. Out in highways. Luke 14: 23.

6. By the wayside. Acts 8: 26-36.

7. All the world. Mark 16: 15, 16.

8. Everywhere, now, quick. Eccl. 9: 10.

Rev. Frank A. Miller.

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THE PERFECT CHURCH.

1. Praying with one accord. Acts 4: 24.

2. All filled with the Spirit. Acts 4: 31.

3. United. John 13: 34, 35; John 15: 12; Acts 4: 34.

4. Witnessing. Isa. 43: 10-12; Acts 5: 32.

5. Working. Acts 2: 46; 5: 42.

6. Triumphant. John 14: 23.

Walter Veazie.

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FOLLOW YOUR LEADER.

"And He led them on safely, so that they feared not." Psa. 78: 53.

1. Led.
2. Led on.
3. Led on safely.
4. They feared not.

Who is our leader? Isa. 55: 4. "I have given Him for a leader and commander to the people." If we have a leader then we cannot be independent.

Whom does He lead? The redeemed (Ex. 15: 13); those who know His mercy. Isa. 49: 10.

How does He lead? In the way we should go. Isa. 48: 17. In paths of righteousness (Psa. 23: 3); safely—by day and night; light or dark.

No need to fear. See Isa. 41: 10-13; Psa. 23: 4; Heb. 13: 5, 6.

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TRUST.

- Whom to trust. Isa. 26: 4.
When to trust. Psa. 62: 8.
How to trust. Prov. 3: 5.

Results of trusting—

- Salvation. Psa. 37: 40.
Established. Psa. 125: 1.
Safety. Prov. 29: 25.
Happiness. Prov. 16: 20.
Deliverance. Dan. 3: 23.
Absence of fear. Isa. 12: 2.
Perfect peace. Isa. 26: 3.

J. A. Hoffman.

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DANIEL'S INFLUENCE.

Dan. 1.

- Daniel prayed to his God.
Daniel purposed in his heart.
Daniel proposed to his partners.
Daniel plans for pulse.
Daniel pleads their claims.
All protected by the prince.
All pass the examination.
Pleasant faces.
Prominent places.
Permanent positions.
Proof positive for prohibition.

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THOUGHT FOR OTHERS.

Our relation and responsibility to one another—

1. Kind, tenderhearted. Eph. 4: 32.
2. Avoid judging. Rom. 14: 13; Jas. 4: 11.
3. Burden-bearing. Gal. 6: 2.
4. Exhort. Heb. 3: 13.
5. Forbear. Eph. 4: 2.
6. Love. 1 John 3: 23.
7. Edify. 1 Thess. 5: 11.
8. Consider. Heb. 10: 24.

Rev. Luther Rees.

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FAITH, SEVEN TYPES OF.

- Abel—justifying faith. Heb. 11: 4.
Enoch—sanctifying faith. Heb. 11: 15.
Noah—separation of faith. Heb. 11: 7.
Abraham—obedient faith. Heb. 11: 8.
Isaac—patient faith. Heb. 11: 20.
Jacob—suffering faith. Heb. 11: 21.
Joseph—victorious faith. Heb. 11: 22.

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CHRISTIAN WORK.

- I. What it is? To work for Christ.
Teaching. Matt. 28: 19.
Preaching. Luke 16: 15.
Living. John 14: 15.
Representing (ambassadors). 2 Cor. 5: 20.
To work with Christ.
Laborers together. 1 Cor. 3: 9.
Presence promised. Matt. 28: 19, 20.
Abides. Jno. 14: 23.
- II. Who are to do it?
His followers. Jno. 14: 12.
His servants. Luke 17: 10.
His friends. Jno. 15: 15.
His brethren. Matt. 12: 48-50.
- III. Qualifications needed.
Love the motive. 2 Cor. 5: 14.
Love the test. 1 Jno. 4: 8.
Power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1: 8.
Prayer. Acts 4: 31.
The word (instrument). Heb. 4: 12.
The armor (to protect). Eph. 6: 17.
Thos. J. Wilkie.

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AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST.

- Our mission. John 17: 18.
Saved that we may save others.
Our citizenship. Eph. 2: 19; Phil. 3: 20.
In the world but not of the world.
Our commission. Mark 16: 15.
No other commander ever gave such a commission.
Our responsibility. Ezech. 3: 18; 2 Cor. 5: 19.
Men are hungry for sympathy and the personal message that God loves them.
Our opportunities are everywhere.
Study the life of "Uncle" John Vassar, who has been characterized as a "life on fire" because of his zeal for winning souls.
An ambassador may be recalled at any time.
Our reward. James 5: 20; Dan. 12: 3.
C. W. Janes.

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PARTAKERS.

1. Of divine nature. 2 Pet. 1: 4.
 2. Of grace. Phil. 1: 7.
 3. Of chastisement. Heb. 12: 8.
 4. Of holiness. Heb. 12: 10.
 5. Of the coming glory. 1 Pet. 5: 1.
 6. Of the Holy Ghost. Heb. 6: 4.
 7. Of an inheritance. Col. 1: 12.
- "Therefore be not partakers with the world." Eph. 5: 7.

A. H. Whitford.

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FAITHFULNESS.

1. Of Noah. Gen. 6: 22.
 2. Of Abraham. Gen. 22: 3-18.
 3. Of Joseph. Gen. 39: 4-22.
 4. Of Moses. Num. 12: 7; Heb. 3: 5.
 5. Of David. 1 Sam. 22: 14.
 6. Of Daniel. Daniel 6: 4.
 7. Of Paul. Acts 20: 20.
 8. Of Timothy. 1 Cor. 4: 17.
- Be thou faithful. Rev. 2: 10.

James Sprunt.

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UNBELIEF, CAUSES OF.

- Jno. 5: 44; 2 Cor. 4: 4.
Existence of. Matt. 24: 11, 12.
Danger of. Mark 16: 16.
Instance of. Matt. 13: 57.

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FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

Gen. 5: 24; 1 John 1: 3.

1. Pleased God. Heb. 11: 5-6.
2. Pleased with God. Psa. 16: 11.
3. Perfect agreement. Amos 3: 3.

Two questions:

1. How to have fellowship.
2. By willingness to do. John 7: 17.
3. Separation. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
4. Companionship with Christians. Psa. 119: 63; Mal. 3: 16.
5. Results of fellowship.
6. Communion—Friendship. 2 Cor. 13: 14.
7. Communication—Vine and branches. Phil. 4: 15.
8. Partakers Adoption His nature. 1 Pet. 4: 13.
9. Partnership—Mutual interests. 2 Cor. 8: 23.
10. Contribution—Mutual devotions. Rom. 15: 26.

God is waiting for us.

A. F. Hoffsommer.

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THE TWO TEMPLES.

Solomon's Temple—

The gates were to be opened every morning for the service of God. 1 Chron. 9: 27.

Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 6: 19.

The Gates—

Ears, eyes, mouth, lips, heart, are to be opened every morning for the service of God.

Ears. Isa. 50: 4, 5.

Eyes. Psa. 119: 18.

Mouth. Psa. 81: 10; Psa. 119: 131.

Lips. Psa. 51: 15.

Heart. Acts 16: 14.

James Sprunt.

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IN BEGINNING GOD.

God must have precedence in all for:

1. All was made for Him. Prov. 16: 4.
2. All to please Him. Rev. 4: 11.
3. His purpose is first. Rom. 9: 20.
4. His will first. Eccl. 12: 13.
5. It should be our first wish. Matt. 6: 10.
6. Engage our first effort. Matt. 6: 33.
7. Quickened first affection. Matt. 22: 37.
8. Hence faith is fundamental. Heb. 11: 6.
9. And life itself is in Him. John 17: 3.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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LITTLE CHILDREN BROUGHT TO JESUS.

Mark 10: 13-16.

1. It is possible for a little child to be a child of God.
2. It is possible for a little child to be a member of the church.
3. How willing Christ is to receive little children if they are brought to Him.
4. Beware of hindering those children who would go to Him.

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DILIGENCE IN SEEKING GOD.

Heb. 11: 6.

1. Obeying. Deut. 6: 17.
2. Harkening to. Isa. 55: 2.
3. Labor of love. Heb. 6: 10.
4. Business. Prov. 27: 23.
5. Instructing children. Deut. 6: 7.

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PERSONAL WORKS.

1. Incentives. John 17: 18. Our mission in the world is the same as that of our Master, to win men to God to build up the kingdom of God. Consecration and separation comes before service.

2. Love, the impulse not duty only. John 21: 15-17; 2 Cor. 5: 14-15.

3. Unto us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5: 18-20. If we do not tell men of God's love, nobody will.

4. Our sufficiency and fitness is all of God. 2 Cor. 3: 5-9.

5. Yet He has given us His Word and we must study that we may "hold a straight course in the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2: 15.

6. Rewards. Dan. 12: 3; Jas. 5: 19, 20; 1 Thess. 2: 19, 20.

7. Now is the time to work. John 4: 35, 36. The fields are white. John 9: 4. The night cometh soon.

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WHAT SHALL WE WEAR.

1. Moth eaten garments? Jas. 5: 2.
 2. Grave clothes (dead formation)? Jno. 11: 44.
 3. Falsely gotten garments? Josh. 7: 21.
- Or rather—
4. Undefiled garments? Rev. 3: 4; 16: 15.
 5. Consecrated garments? Ex. 29: 21; Matt. 21: 8.
 6. Beautiful garments? Isa. 52: 1; 61: 10; Rev. 6: 11; 7: 9, 13, 14.
 7. Appropriating Christ's garments? Mark 15: 24, c. f.; Psa. 22: 18.

Richard W. Lewis.

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THE UNGODLY—A STUDY.

Psa. 53.

1. Their creed, "no God," 53: 1.
2. Their character, "corrupt," 53: 1.
3. Their achievements, "abominable works," 53: 1.
4. Their failings, "none that doeth good," 53: 1.
5. Their ignorance, "no knowledge," 53: 4.
6. Their treatment of the godly, "eat up my flesh," 53: 4.
7. Their neglect of prayer, "call not upon the Lord," 53: 4.
8. Their distress, "in great fear," 53: 5.

Henry Thorne.

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THE MASTER HAS COME.

The Master has come, and calleth for thee.

John 11: 28.

Who came? Master, one who governs with authority and rules.

How He came. As man, by way of cradle, boy and man, through toil and travail. As God, to forgive and raise our dead.

When He came. After Lazarus was dead four days. To restore from death.

For whom He calls. For the personal life. For thee. As soon as Mary heard the call, she came.

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DOING FOR JESUS.

- "Ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25: 40.
- Why should we be doing for Jesus?
- Because he has done so much for us.
- Because of the honor of doing for Him.
- Because of the pleasure and the profit.

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HOW ARE WE SAVED?

1. By hope. Rom. 8: 24.
 2. By grace. Eph. 2: 4-8.
 3. By Christ. Matt. 1: 2; Luke 19: 10.
 4. By His resurrection. 1 Pet. 3: 21.
 5. By His life. Rom. 5: 10.
 6. By the gospel. Rom. 1: 16; 1 Cor. 15: 1-7.
 7. By faith. Acts 16: 31.
 8. By repentance. Acts 2: 38.
 9. By confessing Christ. Rom. 10: 9, 10.
 10. By calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22: 16; Rom. 10: 13.
 11. By baptism. Mark 16: 15, 16; 1 Pet. 3: 20, 21.
 12. By works. Phil. 2: 12; Acts 2: 40.
- Xan Mere.

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JOB, A STUDY.

Job 5.

As a man. Not an imaginary man. God says, "There was a man."
A perfect man. Upright. Feared God and eschewed evil.

Sorely beset. Varied trials.
Triumphant man. Conquered temptation.
Count him happy whom God correcteth.

V. 17.
Despise not chastening. It is the will of God for us.

Afflictions teach us God's goodness.
Deliverance. Freedom from fear.
Peace. Freedom from sin.
Preparation for heaven.

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THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR.

1. For your faith. Rom. 1: 8.
2. For your riches in Christian graces. 1 Cor. 1: 4, 5.
3. For your love unto all saints. Eph. 1: 15-16.
4. For your fellowship in the gospel. Phil. 1: 3-5.
5. For your growing exceedingly. 1 Thess. 1: 3.
6. For your unfeigned faith. 2 Tim. 1: 3, 5.
7. For your refreshing the saints. Phil. 4: 7.

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TESTS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE.

1. Love a test (necessary). 2 Cor. 8: 23. To God. Jno. 14: 15, 21, 23. To man. 1 Jno. 3: 14, 15, 18, 20, 21.
2. Obedience a test. Jno. 15: 10-15; 1 Jno. 3: 18.
3. Practical faith a test. Matt. 7: 19-21; 1 Jno. 3: 16-18.
4. Endurance a test. Acts 9: 16; Phil. 1: 29; Matt. 5: 11, 12.
5. Singleness of purpose a test. Matt. 6: 19-24, 33; Phil. 3: 13, 14.
6. Purity of life a test. 1 Jno. 3: 8-24; 5: 21.

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THRONE OF GRACE.

Heb. 4: 16.

The place.
Blessings to be obtained there.
For whom they are provided.
How they are to be obtained.
Read the invitation, and ask all to come.

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CHOSEN.

Eph. 1: 4.

1. To bring forth fruit. John 15: 16, 19.
2. To be a soldier. 2 Tim. 2: 4.
3. To work. Eph. 2: 10.
4. To work with Him. 2 Cor. 6: 1.
5. To witness. Acts 1: 8.
6. To be epistles. 2 Cor. 3: 2, 3.
7. To be like Him. 1 Prov. 3: 2; Rom. 8: 17; Rom. 1: 6.

He chose us for His love, and loved us for His choice.

Key Words—Separation—Surrender—Service.
Wm. D. Loumaster.

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THE LAW OF GOD.

1. If one kept all the law perfectly, he would be saved. Lev. 18: 4, 5; Matt. 19: 16, 17; Rom. 10: 5; Gal. 3: 12.

2. But perfect obedience is required. Gal. 3: 10; Jas. 2: 10.

3. Now all have sinned. Rom. 3: 12, 23.

4. Then what's the use of the law if no one can keep it? Rom. 3: 19, 20; Gal. 3: 24.

5. What did Christ do? Gal. 3: 13.

6. How can Christians keep the law? (a) By walking after the Spirit. Rom. 8: 4, r. v. (b) By perfect love. Luke 10: 25-28, 37; Rom. 13: 8-10.

M. M. Smyser.

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SOWING AND REAPING.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked," etc. Gal. 6: 7, 8.

Before reaping there must have been seed, soil, the influences of heaven, seed-time, and harvest.

When seed sown, hidden until it germinates.

Is not lost, the summer reveals it, and the harvest renders it back.

Kind of fruit gathered depends upon the seed sown.

Seed takes a while to bring forth fruit. Spring, summer, and autumn must revolve, but there must and will be an eternal harvest. What shall the harvest be?

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GOSPEL, A FULL.

Rom. 1: 16.

Key-note to the epistle.

Justification by faith introduced. Rom. 1.

Sanctification by the Spirit. Rom. 8: 1.

Consecration for service. Rom. 12: 1.

Essentials and theme—

Jesus living, our example. 1 Pet. 2: 21.

Jesus dying, our redeemer. Tit. 2: 14.

Jesus buried, our scapegoat. Lev. 16: 21.

Christ risen, our justifier. Rom. 4: 25.

Christ ascended, our head. Col. 1, 13.

Christ coming, our hope. Tit. 2: 13.

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OUR SALVATION.

John 3: 16.

1. The source of it—The love of God.

2. The means of it—The work of Christ.

3. The condition of it—Faith in Christ.

4. The need of it—That we might not perish.

5. The result of it—Everlasting life.

6. The extent of it—Whosoever believeth.

James M. Gray, D. D.

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CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD.

Matt. 5: 13, 14.

Salt.

1. A preservative—Story of Sodom and Gomorra.
2. Takes away tastelessness—All seeking for something. Life tasteless if not found. Misery if no hope.
3. Antidote for corruption—Christians removed and the world becomes seething mass of anarchy, etc.
4. Article of food—Christians' nourishment for the world. Christ the Christians' nourishment.
5. Has consuming power—Contrast with life of Christian stings.
6. Useless if savorless—Not even fertilizer. Death dealing wherever placed. Hypocrites.

Light.

1. Definition—Jesus the light of world. Do we show forth Christ life? Phil. 2: 15.
2. Absolutely essential—Waste and delay. Purification needed. Law of righteousness. Healing in His wings. Sightless fishes in caves. Sightless Christians in world.
3. May be reflected—Christians reflect because they receive, are receptacles. Power of reflected depends—
 1. Upon clearness of medium. Image of divine. Rom. 12: 1, 2. Keep unspotted. Jas. 1: 27.
 2. Distance from luminous paint—Keep close to God then can keep close to men.

A. F. Hoffsommer.

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THE BELIEVERS WALK.

1. Walk in love. Eph. 5: 2.
 2. Walk in the light. Eph. 5: 8.
 3. Walk circumspectly. Eph. 5: 15.
 4. Walk by faith. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
 5. Walk honestly. 1 Thess. 4: 12.
 6. Walk consistently. Eph. 4: 1.
 7. Walk as commanded. Jer. 7: 23.
- The believer will walk through all eternity with Jesus. Rev. 3: 4.

A. H. Whitford.

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CHRIST'S AGONY IN GETHSEMANE.

Mark 14: 32-40.

1. The place—A garden. Midnight till next day. After supper.
 2. The watchers—Eight disciples outside. Three within. All sleep.
 3. The agony—Grief, great. Deadlier far than death.
 4. The petitions—Three seasons. A repeat each time.
 5. The departure—The missing one reappeared. Judas had betrayed.
- Watch and pray.

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PRAYER ANSWERED.

1 Chron. 4: 10.

Short, earnest, well-directed, expressed need, and answered.

He asked for—

Prosperity, protection, positive and permanent blessing. Compare John 14: 14.

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GOD'S WAY.

Its Characteristics.

- A way of truth. Psa. 25: 5.
 - A way of mercy. Psa. 25: 10.
 - A way of obedience. Psa. 119: 32.
 - A way of peace. Prov. 8: 17.
 - A way of holiness. Isa. 35: 8.
 - A way of safety. Isa. 35: 9.
 - A way of prosperity. Gen. 44: 56.
- Natural Man Ignorant Must be Taught.
Psa. 27: 11, "Teach me," Psa. 25: 4, "Show me;" Psa. 25: 5, "Lead me."
- Who May Know God's Way?
The meek. 1 Pet. 5: 5.
The obedient. Jno. 7: 17.
The man of faith. Acts 3: 16; Jno. 3: 16.
- How May He Learn?
Through Jesus Christ. Jno. 6: 40; Jno. 8: 12; Jno. 10: 28; Jno. 10: 9.

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HOME ABOVE.

- "In my Father's house are many mansions," etc. Jno. 14: 2.
- The Father's house. The Savior's home. The believer's rest. Here on earth is home education preparatory to life beyond.
- Father's house suggests holiness.
Father's house suggests the Father's presence.
Father's house suggests the family.
Many mansions suggest many occupants.

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ARROWS.

- Gen. 21: 20; 27: 3; Judg. 5: 11.
- Sharp arrows of tongue. Harsh words. Sharp. Wound. False, cruel.
- Sharp arrows of danger. Psa. 91: 5.
- Sharp arrows of judgment. Psa. 7: 13.
- Sharp arrows of God's Word. Heb. 4: 12.
- Sharp arrows of deliverance. Psa. 18: 6, 9-16.

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GIVING THANKS.

1. In everything. 1 Thess. 5: 18.
2. For His mercy. Psa. 107: 1.
3. For his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. 9: 15.
4. For making us partakers. Col. 1: 12.
5. For giving us victory. 1 Cor. 15: 57.
6. For causing us to triumph. 2 Cor. 2: 14.
7. For all things—always. Eph. 5: 20.

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W'S SEVEN.

- Wash. Acts 22: 16; Rev. 7: 14.
- Walk. Rom. 6: 4.
- Worship. Phil. 3: 3.
- Work. Col. 1: 10.
- War. 1 Tim. 1: 18, 19.
- Watch. 1 Cor. 16: 13.
- Wait. 1 Thess. 1: 10; 2 Thess. 3: 5.

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THE CALLS OF CHRIST.

1. Follow Me. John 1: 43.
2. Come to Me. Matt. 11: 28.
3. Learn of Me. Matt. 11: 29.
4. Abide in Me. John 15: 4.
5. Be I. John 17: 18; 20: 21; Phil. 1: 21; Gal. 2: 20.

Robert E. Speer.

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WANTED.

"Men wanted!" "Boys wanted!" We often see these notices in shop windows and other places, and we can see it in the Bible, too. It is the great notice from Heaven. The Gospel advertisement is sounding all around us. Here is an acrostic which shows us what is wanted.

Wise Heads—1 Kings 4: 29; 2 Timothy 3: 15.

Attentive Ears—Ex. 3: 4; Is. 6: 8; Luke 10: 39.

New Hearts—Ezek. 11: 19; 2 Cor. 5: 17; Acts 8: 37.

Tongues United—Mark 7: 37; Acts 2: 7, 8.

Eyes Opened—2 Kings 6: 17; Luke 24: 31; Acts 9: 18.

Decision—John 1: 37; Mark 2: 14; Ruth 1: 17.

We can be wise, like Timothy; attentive, like Samuel; loving, like Lydia; praising, like David; faithful, like the healed man; and active, like Matthew.

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GOD'S WORD IS A LAMP.

The Bible is like—

1. A Policeman's Lamp.
With a Search Light. Ps. 119: 130.

2. A Postman's Lamp.
With a Clear Light. Ps. 36: 9.

3. A Guard's Lamp.
With a Signal Light. Ps. 19: 11.

4. A Watchman's Lamp.
With a Protecting Light. Ps. 119: 11.

5. A Traveler's Lamp.
With a Guiding Light. Ps. 119: 105.

6. A Miner's Lamp.
With a Safety Light. Prov. 6: 23.

7. A Home Lamp.
With a Useful Light. Prov. 13: 9.

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REV. 22: 17.

There are seven wonderful W's in this verse, and if we place one word on each day of the week the Little Folks will remember them.

1. Witnesses. Spirit and Bride. Rev. 22: 17.

2. Want. Thirst. Matt. 5: 6.

3. Word. Come. Matt. 11: 28.

4. Whosoever. All. Acts 13: 39.

5. Willingness. Take. Ps. 116: 13.

6. Water. Life. John 4: 14.

7. Welcome. Freely. Is. 55: 1.

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CONFESSION.

1st. The Christian to confess, not profess. Rom. 10: 10; Matt. 5: 16; Isa. 43: 10.

2nd. When? Daily. Luke 9: 23.

3rd. Where? Home. Luke 8: 39. Everywhere Mark 16: 15.

4th. Fruit will follow. John 4: 23-31, 39.

5th. Comfort in the face of reproach. 1 Pet. 4: 14. H. F. S.

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FAITH, PROMISES ATTACHED TO.

Peace with God. Rom. 5: 1.

No separation. Rom. 8: 1.

Children of God. Gal. 3: 26.

Faith overcomes. 1 Jno. 5: 4, 5; Jno. 5: 11, 13; Jno. 3: 1-3.

Who is on the Lord's side? Ex. 32: 26.

Robert Garry.

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TWELVE RULES OF HOLY LIVING PROVE
BY SCRIPTURE.

Submission—James 4: 7; Romans 6: 13.

Believing, constant, habitual—Hebrews 11:

Witnessing—Acts 1: 8; 26: 16.

Self-Denial—Matthew 16: 24; Hebrews

12: 1.

Vigilance—1 Peter 5: 8; Rev. 16:

Ephes. 6: 18.

Meditation on the Word—Psalm 1: 2,

Daily food—James 1: 25.

Prayer—Matthew 6: 6; 1 Thessalonians 5:

17.

Obedience—1 Peter 1: 14, 16; Acts 5: 32.

Growth—2 Peter 3: 18; Philippians 3: 13.

14.

Abiding—John 15: 1, 11; 1 Corinthians 7:

20, 24.

Waiting on God—Psalm 123: 1, 2; 33: 8.

Working with God—2 Corinthians 6: 1

Gal. 4: 19.

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FINGERMARKS OF GOD.

1. The Finger Marks of Sin. (Prov. 6: 1

12, 15, and Isaiah 59: 3.) Depravity, d

ception, and destruction.

2. The Finger Marks of Power. (Exodus 3:

19; Psalms 5: 8, and Luke 11: 20.) C

creation, redemption, and salvation.

3. The Finger Marks of Love. (Mark 8: 23

7: 33.) The touch of healing, health

and hope.

4. The Finger Marks of Fear. (John 9: 25.)

The touch of fear and feeling instead

of faith.

5. The Finger Marks of Faith. (Mark 5: 28.

34.) The touch of faith, fear, the

healing.

6. The Finger Marks of Wrath. (Daniel 6:

5, 24.) The disclosure, the dread, and

the doom.

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THE BASKET OF BREAD.

Mark 6: 43.

There is bread enough and to spare from the

Lord. Luke 15: 17.

There is a basket for each worker. Mar

6: 41.

There is work for each to gather up the

fragments, etc.

The storehouse is God's grace. The treasure

house is His Church. The basket is our in

dividual capacity, the basket and store bless

is present and future good. The condition

of blessing our obedience.

The measure of blessing His fulness.

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MARKS OF REGENERATION.

1. A believer. 1 John 5: 1.

2. Doth not sin. 1 John 3: 9.

3. Doeth righteousness. 1 John 2: 29.

4. One who loves. 1 John 4: 7.

5. Is kept. 1 John 5: 18.

6. Overcometh. 1 John 5: 4.

7. Have a living hope. 1 Pet. 1: 3.

James Sprunt.

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FIVE GREAT POWERS IN ROMANS 8.

1. The Power of Grace. Saving, v. 1.

2. The Power of the Spirit. Guiding, v. 1.

3. The Power of Faith. Reckoning, v. 13.

4. The Power of Love. Providing, v. 35.

5. The Power of Life. Keeping, v. 39.

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SUFFERING CHRISTIANS.

Part of the Christians legacy. Phil. 1: 29. John. 15: 20. Acts 24: 5. The way they criticised Paul.

1st. Suffering because of our identification with Christ. 2 Tim. 3: 12.

2nd. Suffering because God corrects and disciplines us as a parent does the child. Heb. 12: 6-8, 1 Pet. 2: 5. Living stones—stones are chiseled, a living one will feel the cutting, and suffer. The more beautiful the stone, the more it is chiseled. Ex. 25: 31-40. The gold of the candle stick under the blows of the goldsmith's hammer, was brought into its lovely shape. If it could have felt, it would have suffered. It was a type of Christ and the church, John. 8: 12, Matt. 5: 14. It was made perfect under the blows of the hammer which represented suffering—so Christ and the Church are made perfect through suffering. Heb. 2: 10, 1 Pet. 5: 10. The Christian is to rejoice in suffering, because,

1. It proves he is worthy. Acts 5: 41.
 2. Brings glory to Christ. 1 Pet. 4: 14.
 3. Brings glory to us. Rom. 8: 8.
 4. Brings a reward. Matt. 5: 10-12.
 5. We will reign. 2 Tim. 2: 12.
- 3rd. Soul suffering. Christ in the garden suffered for us, Matt. 26: 38, 39.
- We are to suffer in soul because of the unsaved. Phil. 3: 10. H. F. S.

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SIN, ITS NATURE AND RESULTS.

"Be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32: 23).

1. The nature of sin. Sin is a disease, Psalm 41: 4. It is a debt, Luke 7: 41. It is a transgression of the law, 1 John 3: 4.
2. The consequence of sin. It brings the sinner into bondage, John 8: 34. It separates the sinner from God, Isaiah 59: 2.

Note, sin can be overcome, and its consequences averted, for Christ came to save. Seek refuge in Him.

Sin in the heart is the root of all misery, but Christ in the heart is the root of all happiness.

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FISHING.

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4: 19).

Six things are needed:

- A Rod—the Bible. "My word shall not return unto Me void."
- A Line—Prayer. "If ye shall ask anything in My name I will do it."
- A Hook—Faith. "If thou canst believe all things," etc.
- A Bait—Love. "Faith worketh by love."
- A Reel—Common sense. "Be ye therefore wise as serpents," etc.
- A Hand Net—the Church. "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

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FOLLOW.

What is it to Follow?

- F Forsaking the old life. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
- O Obeying the Lord's word. John 21: 22.
- L Looking not behind. Luke 9: 62.
- L Looking unto Jesus. Heb. 12: 2.
- O Onward to the end. Phil. 3: 13, 14.
- W Watching unto prayer. Mark 13: 33.

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CANDLES OF SCRIPTURE.

1. The Candle of the Lord: Conscience.—(Prov. 20: 27; Ps. 18: 28.) Conscience is the candle of the Lord fixed in every breast, the light which makes us sensible of right and wrong. But it must be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and guided by the Word of God, or else it is not a sure guide to salvation and life. When the Holy Spirit enlightens conscience, then there is conviction of sin, sense of danger, and an earnest cry for help. Acts 16: 30.
2. The Candle of Grace: Love.—(Luke 15: 8.) This candle of grace lights us to salvation and joy. Luke 19: 10; 15: 22.
3. The Candle of Testimony: Life.—(Matt. 5: 15.) When we are saved we become the candles for the Lord. In the right place, v. 15, and for the right purpose, v. 16.
4. The Candle Put Out: Death.—(Job 18: 6.) The light of nature and the spark of reason may do for this world, but will never light us to the other world in safety, and death will come and put it all out. This is no light for the soul, and when death comes it is often too late to get Divine light. Matt. 25: 8; Luke 13: 25, 26.
5. The Candle Outshone: Glory.—(Rev. 22: 5.) There is a glorious future for God's people. No night. Rev. 20: 1, 5.

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GUIDANCE.

How human needs are met by the promises of the Holy Spirit.

- When we are unloving—Romans 5: 5.
 - When we cannot pray—Romans 8: 26, 27.
 - When our prayers seem not to reach the Father—Ephesians 2: 18.
 - When we are weak in faith—1 Corinthians 12: 8, 9.
 - When we are weak in purpose—Ephesians 3: 16.
 - When we fear others—2 Corinthians 3: 17.
 - When we do not understand the Word—1 Corinthians 2: 10.
 - When we do not know what to do or where to go—John 14: 26; 16: 13.
 - When we feel our inability—Zechariah 4: 6.
- The precious promise—Luke 11: 13.

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DIVINE LOVE.

"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18: 14.

1. The Father's Will. "It is not the will of your Father."
2. The Saviour's Love. He yearns for the little ones' safety.
3. The Holy Spirit's Word. He has written it.
4. The Source of Joy. The Salvation of the Children.
5. The Light of Hope. Not one shall perish.

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OBEDIENCE.

Isa. 1: 19.

1. Obedience of faith. Rom. 16: 26.
2. Obedience of surrender. Rom. 6: 13.
3. Obedience of sacrifice. Luke 7: 36.
4. Obedience of service. Acts 26: 19.

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CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD.

The Shunamite's Son (2 Kings 4: 25, 37).
Here is found a great woman, in hospitality, in contentment, in trial, as a wife, and in self-control.

God sees and knows those coming to Him, v. 25.

He gives twice who gives quickly, v. 26.
What God permits should seem well to His children, v. 26.

Distress drives unbelievers to despair, but Christians to God, v. 27.

Small, cold men rebuke over-earnestness in coming to God, v. 27.

Gentleness is strength and power, v. 27.
Never send a servant when you ought to go yourself, v. 29, 31.

We cannot give our power to another, v. 29.

Look from man to Jesus, v. 30. Hebrews 12: 2.

A prophet's chamber is a blessing to any house, v. 32.

You must give a heart to win a heart, v. 34.

Jesus will raise all His children one day, v. 35.

Hard trials precede happy triumphs, v. 37.

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LITTLE SHIPS.

"And there were also with Him other little ships."—Mark 4: 36.

Here we have Little Pictures, Little Treasures, Little Traders, and Little Pilgrims.

1. Little Ships were not forgotten. Hope for all.

2. Little Ships' need in the storm. A Picture for all.

3. Little Ships in touch with Jesus. The Anchor for all.

4. Little Ships enjoying the calm. A Blessing for all.

5. Little Ships in active service. A Lesson for all.

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SUCCESS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Essentials to. Psa. 119: 30-32.

Choice—"I have chosen." V. 30.

Good foundation—"I have laid." V. 30.

Perseverance—"I have stuck." V. 31.

Good backing—"Put me not to shame."

V. 31. Compare with Isaiah 49: 23; Rom. 9: 33.

Progress—"I will run." V. 32.

Generous impulses—"Enlarge my heart."

V. 32. Isaiah 60: 5.

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LOOK.

1. At what you were. Isa. 51: 1.

2. Look up. Psa. 5: 2, 3.

3. Look for salvation. Isa. 45: 22.

4. Look into the Word. 1 Pet. 1: 12.

5. Look right on. Prov. 4: 25.

6. Look at the fields. Jno. 4: 35.

7. Look for His coming. Phil. 3: 20.

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THREE APPEARINGS.

Heb. 9: 26; Past.

Heb. 9: 24; Present.

Heb. 9: 28; Future.

A. M. Clemence.

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FLOWERS.

Flowers speak to us of Love, Purity, and Grace, and are striking pictures of Christ and His grace.

The life of flowers is Bright, Brief, and Beautiful; in their brevity a lesson for man (Job 14: 2).

F Famous Flowers—Beautiful Life—Song of Sol. 2: 1.

L Living Flowers—Active Life—Matt. 6: 28, 29.

O Open Flowers. Testifying Life—Is. 35: 1, 2.

W White Flowers—Pure Life—Luke 12: 27.

E Everlasting Flowers—Eternal Life—Song of Sol. 2: 11, 12.

R Real Flowers—Real Life—Hos. 14: 5.

S Scented Flowers—Fragrant Life—Song of Sol. 1: 12; 4: 13, 14.

There are artificial flowers and real flowers, so there are sham lives and real lives. Scented flowers make the world sweet, so fragrant Christians make the world pure.

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"I WILL" IN ISAIAH XLI.

I will strengthen thee, v. 10.

I will help thee, v. 10. His presence is enough, because His presence is a fact.

I will uphold thee, v. 10. He sustains.

Fear not, I will help thee, v. 13. He is our co-partner.

I will make thee a sharp threshing instrument, v. 15; Hebrews 4: 12, 13.

I will hear them, v. 17. His ear is open to their cry.

I will not forsake them, v. 17; Romans 8: 38.

I will open rivers, v. 18. Refreshment.

I will make the wilderness a pool of water, v. 18.

I will plant in the wilderness, v. 19.

I will sit, v. 15; John 5: 24.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN WORK.

1st. Assurance of one's own salvation. John 9: 25. You can lead a soul only so far as you have gone yourself.

2nd. Love for souls. Rom. 10: 1; 1 Cor. 13: 1-3.

3rd. Faith. Mark 11: 22.

4th. A prayerful spirit. Luke 18: 1; 1 Thess. 5: 17.

5th. Boldness. Acts 4: 13.

6th. Humility. 1 Pet. 5: 6.

7th. Consistent life. Phil. 3: 17; Eph. 4: 1.

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COMPANIONS TO CHOOSE.

1. Godly. (Like David.) Psl. 119: 63.

2. Loving. (Like Paul.) Acts 19: 29.

3. Busy. (Like Epaphroditus.) Phil. 2: 25.

4. Faithful. (Like the martyrs.) Heb. 10: 23.

5. Holy. (Like John.) Rev. 1: 9.

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PRODIGAL SON.

Luke 15.

Chapter 1.—Rashness. Reveling. Reaping. Remorse. Reflection.

Chapter 2.—Repentance. Resolution. Return. Reward. Rejoicing.

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MARCHING ORDERS.

Thoughts for the New Year.

The Christian Life compared to a soldier's career. Rules and regulations to be observed. Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation.

Halt.—Short and sharp command. Christ calls to sinners to consider, Jeremiah 6: 10. Or are you in a sphere of service un-sent. Halt. Wait for orders. Have you rebelled and run away from duty? Halt, return at once.

Attention.—“Hearken unto Me,” Isaiah 55: 2; “Incline your ear,” Isaiah 55: 3; Proverbs 2: 2; Luke 10: 39. “Take heed how ye hear,” Luke 8: 18; Hebrews 2: 1. Right about face.—Jeremiah 32: 33, 34. Idol worship in the heart, Ezekiel 14: 6; 2 Kings 17: 13; 1 Thessalonians 1: 9, 10.

Quick march.—“Go forward,” Exodus 14: 15. “Go ye into all the world,” Mark 16: 15; Jeremiah 1: 7. Forward, fear not. 52 fear nots in the Bible.

Forward, faith wins the day.—Victory that overcometh the world, 1 John 4: 4. Faith conquers fear, Luke 8: 50. “I will trust and not be afraid,” Isa. 12: 2.

Forward, following Jesus.—“Follow thou Me,” John 21: 22. Not a man, a creed, or a church, but Jesus.

Forward, fight the good fight.—Flee, follow, fight, says Paul to Timothy, 1 Timothy 6: 11. Put on the whole armour of God.

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WHAT THE LORD IS TO US.

Ps. 27: 1 to 11.

1. The Lord is my Light. V. 1.
Light of Conviction. V. 1.
Light of Revelation. V. 4.
Light of Reflection. V. 9.
Light of Direction. V. 11.
2. The Lord is my Salvation. V. 1.
Savior from all Enemies. V. 2.
Savior in time of Trouble. V. 5.
Savior for Ever. V. 9.
3. The Lord is my Strength. V. 1.
Strong in Him.
Strong with Him.
Strong for Him.

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PRAYER.

Characteristics of, in James 5.

1. Individual prayer. “Let Him pray.” v. 13.
2. United prayer. “Let them pray.” v. 14.
3. Believing prayer. “Prayer of faith.” v. 15.
4. Intercessory prayer. “One for another.” v. 16.
5. Fervent prayer. “Effectual fervent.” v. 16.
6. Definite prayer. “That it might not rain.” v. 17.
7. Effectual prayer. “Heaven gave rain.” v. 18.

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WORKING MEN OF THE BIBLE.

The nobility of labor. David a shepherd. Jacob, a farmer. Amos, a herdsman. Tubal Cain, a worker in brass. Cain, a tiller of the ground. Nimrod, a hunter. Simon, a tanner. Matthew a taxgatherer. Peter, a fisherman. Paul, a tent-maker. Jesus Christ, a carpenter.

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“HEAPS UPON HEAPS.”

The Heaps in Scripture are Monuments of Sin and Selfishness, Sympathy and Service, Shame and Sorrow. Note—

1. The Heap of Stones. A Witness of Sin. Connected with Jealousy, Covetousness, and Sin. 2 Sam. 18: 17; Gen. 31: 52; Josh. 7: 26. The Prison, Asylum, and Cemetery are Witnesses of Sin.
2. The Heap of Riches. A Witness of Selfishness, Disappointment, Loss, and Shame. Job 27: 16; Ps. 39, 6; James 5: 3.
3. The Heap of Coals. A Witness of Sympathy and Love. “Overcoming evil with good.” Prov. 25: 21, 22; Rom. 12: 20.
4. The Heap of Treasure. A Witness of Service, Consecration, Service, and Praise. 2 Chron. 31: 6, 7, 8.
5. The Heap of Wrath. A Witness of Sorrow. A dreadful banking account: “Wrath to Come.” Eccles. 2: 26; Rom. 2: 5.

“God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thess. 5: 9.

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SEVEN THINGS ABOUT SALVATION.

It is a Common Salvation in that it is provided for all, adapted to all, offered to all, and needed by all, Jude 3; Romans 3: 23; Isaiah 45: 22.

A Free Salvation, John 3: 16; Revelation 22: 17.

Personal Salvation, Psalm 25: 5; Matthew 16: 15.

A Present Salvation, 2 Corinthians 6: 2; Luke 14: 17.

A Powerful Salvation, Psalm 18: 2; Romans, 1: 16.

An Eternal Salvation. Hebrews 5: 9; 2 Cor. 4: 17.

No escape if we neglect it, Hebrews 2: 3; John 3: 36.

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A FRIEND IN JESUS.

The sinner's Friend, Matthew 11: 19.

Who satisfies, Canticles 5: 1.

Who sticketh closer than a brother, Proverbs 18: 24.

The unchanging Friend, Proverbs 17: 17.

The surety, Proverbs 6: 1.

Who dies, John 15: 13.

Who reproves, Proverbs 27: 6.

Who counsels, Proverbs 27: 9, 10.

Communion, Proverbs 27: 17.

Resurrection, John 11: 11.

My Beloved is my friend.

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SAMSON, A STUDY.

Judges 13: 24.

He was early consecrated to God. Privileges, blessing, and responsibility of early consecration.

He was a life abstainer.

He did the work given him. Destructive and constructive.

He used the tools within reach. Singular weapons mentioned in Judges. Gideon, Sisera, Abimelech, etc.

His work was marred. By others, and chiefly by himself.

He was willing to die for the cause.

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WONDERFUL ROD.

The Rod is the emblem of authority, power, and blessing, and is connected with the Life, Experience, and Service of the Lord's people, and became the instrument of Power, Direction, and Blessing.

There is a sense in which the Rod is an illustration of the Word of God. Yes, the Bible in its different uses may be as The Rod of God to us. The use of the Bible Rod was:

1. A Counting Rod. Shepherd's rod. Ezek. 20: 37; Lev. 27: 32; Jer. 33: 13.
2. A Confirming Rod. Servant's rod. Ex. 4: 2.
6. A Commanding Rod. Leader's rod. Ex. 14: 16.
4. A Correcting Rod. Teacher's rod. Num. 17: 8.
5. A Cheering Rod. Providing rod. Ex. 17: 6.
3. A Comforting Rod. Father's rod. Psl. 23: 4.
7. A Crushing Rod. Conqueror's rod. Psl. 2: 9.

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THE CHRISTIAN RACE.

1 Corinthians 9: 24.

Three classes—Non-competitors. Phil. 3: 13, 19; Heb. 2: 3.

Failing competitors. 1 Cor. 3: 15.

Winning competitors. 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

Conditions for Competition.—Must be a citizen, Eph. 2: 19. Blameless, Rom. 8: 1. Must offer himself, Rom. 12: 1. Must be accepted, Eph. 1: 6.

Conditions in the Race.—He must start right, John 10: 9. Keep to the course, John 14: 6. Must strip, Heb. 12: 1.

Causes of Failure.—Turning or backsliding, Ps. 78: 9; Acts 7: 39. Tripping or careless walking, John 11: 10. Tired or weary walking, Mal. 1: 13; Isa. 40: 31.

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GOD'S DECLARATION TO ISAIAH.

Isa. 41: 10.

Fivefold declaration—

1. I am with thee.
2. I am thy God.
3. I will strengthen thee.
4. I will help thee.
5. I will uphold thee.

Another fivefold promise. Isa. 42: 16.

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SEVEN PROMISES FOR SEVEN NEEDS.

Tired. Isa. 40: 29, 31.

Hungry. Isa. 40: 11.

Thirsty. Isa. 41: 18.

Fearful. Isa. 41: 10, 13.

Troubled. Isa. 26: 34.

Tempted. Isa. 59: 19.

Fighting. Isa. 54: 17.

Whatsoever state thou art. Isa. 49: 16.

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PREACH THE WORD.

It is life.—Phil. 11: 16.

It is light.—Ps. 119: 105.

It is power.—Rom. 1: 16.

It is pure.—Ps. 119: 140.

It is unchanging.—Ps. 119: 89.

It searches.—Heb. 4: 12.

It judges.—John 12: 48.

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WANDERING JACOB.

Four finger posts to safety. "Behold a ladder set up on the earth," "Behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it," "Behold the Lord stood above it," "And behold I am with thee." Gen. 28: 10 to 15.

1. A Weary Man. "And Jacob went out," etc., v. 10.

2. A Wonderful Vision. "And he dreamed," v. 12.

3. A Waking Dreamer. "And Jacob awaked," v. 16.

4. A Worshipping Pilgrim. "This is the gate of heaven," v. 17.

5. A Witnessing Stone. "And this stone," etc., v. 22.

"I am with thee"—Companionship; "And will keep thee"—Guardianship; "And will bring thee," etc.—Guidance, or Presence, Power, and Promise.

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PLANNING AND PRAYING.

Genesis 32: 20 to 32.

One of the great secrets of victory in everyday life is prayer. "Prayer is the ladder by which the soul ascends into its refuge from storms and dangers." See what Jacob did.

1. His Preparation. "So went the present over," etc., v. 21.

2. His Prayer. "And there wrestled a man," etc., v. 24.

3. His Power. "As a prince hast thou power," etc., v. 28.

4. His Privilege. "I have seen God face to face," v. 30.

5. His Peace. "And he blessed him there," v. 29.

Jacob limped, but "Better limp to heaven than leap to hell," says Mr. Moody.

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THREE-FOLD CORDS.

Christians in relation to Christ. One with Him, Romans 6: 5; Colossians 2: 12.

Christians in relation to each other. One in Him, Galatians 3: 28.

Christians in relation to the world. One for Him, John 17: 21, 23.

OUR GOD.

God for us—Romans 8: 31.

God in us—Philippians 2: 13.

God with us—Genesis 28: 15.

God before us—Exodus 13: 21.

God behind us—Exodus 14: 19.

God above us—Psalm 18: 16.

God underneath us—Deuteronomy 33: 27.

God around us—Psalm 125: 2.

God over us—Song of Solomon 2: 4.

This God is our God.

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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

John 5: 39.

Earnestly. Psa. 119: 12.

Anxiously. Psa. 119: 9.

Regularly. Acts 17: 11.

Carefully. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17.

Humbly. Jas. 1: 22.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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THE I AM'S IN JOHN.

Bread (6: 35). Light (8: 12). Door (10: 7). Shepherd (10: 11). Life (11: 25). Truth (14: 6). Vine (15: 1).

Rev. L. W. Munhall, D. D.

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EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPELS.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke refer to Time. Matthew to the Past, Mark to the Present, Luke to the Future.

John's refers to Eternity.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke wrote of the external, John of the internal.

Matthew's Gospel was written in Jerusalem, showing Jesus as the Messiah.

Mark's from Rome, showing Him as the irresistible Conqueror of the world.

Luke's from Greece, showing Him as the Divine Philanthropist.

John's from Asia Minor, showing Him as the Word made flesh.

Matthew represents Christ as a King.

Mark represents Christ as a Priest and Servant.

Luke represents Christ as a Prophet.

John represents Christ as the Son of God.

The Synoptic Gospels treat of the Kingdom of God.

John's Gospel treats of eternal life.

John wrote the threefold pictures of the life of God. (1) In the person of Jesus, in his Gospel. (2) In the Christian, in his Epistle. (3) In the church, in the Revelation.

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BIBLE KEYS.

Keys are emblems of authority, privilege, and power; they are useful to open doors of blessing and hope.

Jesus Himself holds the Keys of Life and Death, but to His people He has committed the keys of blessing and help.

1. The Steward's Keys, to open the House of Mercy. Is. 22: 22. Prayer will turn it.

2. The Teacher's Keys, to open the School of Grace. Luke 11: 52. Knowledge will use it.

3. The Preacher's Keys, to open the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 16: 19. Faith will use it.

4. The Master's Keys, to open the Door to Service. Rev. 3: 7. Obedience for this Key.

5. The Conqueror's Keys, to open the Unseen World. Rev. 1: 18. Hope will turn this.

Every Preacher of the Gospel, every Teacher in the Sunday School, every worker for God should know all these keys.

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THE SHEPHERD.

Ps. 23.

1. Possession. "The Lord is my Shepherd."
2. Position. "He maketh me to lie down," etc.
3. Progress. "He leadeth me."
4. Provision. "I shall not want."
5. Presence. "Thou art with me."
6. Plenty. "My cup runneth over."
7. Prospect. "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

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A THREE-FOLD FOLLY.

Galatians 6: 7.

The folly of trying to deceive God.

The folly of expecting other than that we sow.

The folly of sowing to the flesh, and the wisdom of sowing to the Spirit.

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BIBLE BELLS.

Bells are used for many purposes. They illustrated the action and power of God's word in its calls, directions, and warnings.

1. The Fire Bell of Warning. "Escape for thy life" (Gen. 19: 17). Danger and Death.

2. The Church Bell of Love. "God so loved the world" (John 3: 16). Love and Life.

3. The Dinner Bell of Grace. "Come, for all things are now ready" (Matt. 22: 4). Grace and Glory.

4. The School Bell of Light. "Learn of Me," etc. (Matt. 11: 29). Light and Learning.

5. The Work Bell of Life. "Son, go work today" (Matt. 21: 28). Sonship and Service.

6. The Golden Bell of Testimony. "A golden bell and pomegranate" (Ex. 28: 34). Faithfulness and Fruit.

7. The Passing Bell of Death. "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Heb. 9: 27). Death and Judgment.

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ANCHORS FOR EVERY VESSEL.

Life is a voyage from the scenes of Time to the shores of Eternity, and its varied experiences are as changeable and restless as the ocean; and what the anchor is to the ship, so is hope to the soul, its salvation, support, and security.

1. The Anchor saves the ship in times of danger; Salvation. Heb. 6: 18. So does hope save our souls.

2. The Anchor steadies the ship in times of storm; Steadfastness. Heb. 6: 19; Rom. 5: 4. So does hope steady our hearts.

3. The Anchor sustains the ship in times of trouble; Strength. Acts 27: 29; 1 Peter 1: 3, 21. So does hope sustain our lives.

4. The Anchor stays the ship in times of difficulty; Stability. 1 Thess. 1: 3; Heb. 6: 11; 3: 14. So does hope stay our peace.

5. The Anchor secures the ship in times of fear; Security. 1 John 3: 8; Rom. 8: 24; Col. 1: 3. So does hope secure our minds.

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THE BASKET OF BLESSING.

Deut. 28: 5.

The storehouse filled (v. 8). All fulness in Christ for us. Col. 1: 19.

The treasure-house opened (v. 12). All opened and revealed through Christ. Eph. 3: 8.

The basket and store blessed (v. 5). Blessed us with all spiritual blessing. Eph. 1: 3.

The basket filled, enjoyed, and used according to our faith. Eph. 3: 18, 19.

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SEVEN THINGS OPENED.

Eyes—Isa. 42: 7.

Ears—Isa. 50: 5.

Heart—Acts 16: 14.

Mouth—Ps. 51: 15.

Scriptures—Luke 24: 32.

Understanding—Luke 24: 45.

Door for service—1 Cor. 16: 9.

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HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK.

"The Spirit of the living God" (2 Corinthians 3: 3).

God deals with men through His Holy Spirit in this age.

How He works for man. By inditing the Word, Acts 28: 28; 2 Timothy 3: 16. By promulgating the Word, Acts 2: 4; 13: 2. By interpreting the Word, John 16: 13; Acts 8: 29.

How He works in man. In conviction, John 16: 8. In enlightenment, John 14: 26. In regeneration, John 3: 5.

How He works by man. Man is prepared for work, Elisha for Israel. Work is prepared for man, Nineveh for Jonah. Work is revealed to man, Exodus to Moses.

How He works with man. His comforting presence, John 16: 7. His powerful assistance, John 14: 12. His sanctifying indwelling, Romans 15: 16.

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A VISIT TO BETHLEHEM.

Luke 2: 20.

What the shepherds saw. The angelic hosts. We may see the wonderful condescension of God, and His love for sinners. Shall angels sing and men be dumb?

What the angels heard. The burden of the angelic song, "Glory to God," etc. On earth peace, as opposed to war, Isaiah 2: 3, 4. A song of reconciliation and peace with God.

What the shepherds did. They came with haste. What they saw and heard made them glad. They made it their business to make known abroad the sayings which were told them.

Have we made haste to see Jesus? The Good Shepherd has a message of salvation for all people.

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JESUS, THE PATTERN WORKER.

Matthew 9: 35, 38.

1. Jesus the traveling Preacher, v. 35. A wonderful Worker.
2. Jesus the great Physician, v. 35. A willing Helper.
3. Jesus the feeling Shepherd, v. 36. A warm Friend.
4. Jesus the Faithful Adviser, v. 37. A wise Counsellor.
5. Jesus the loving Savior, v. 38. A wakeful Witness.

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REDEEMED.

Lam. 3: 58.

From what?

The curse of the law. Gal. 3: 10.

By what?

The blood of Jesus. 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19.

For what?

To serve Him. Tit. 2: 14.

W. T. Perkins.

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CHRISTIANS—WHAT SHOULD THEY BE?

Imitators of God as children. Eph. 5: 1.

Strong in the Lord. Eph. 6: 10.

Doers of the Word. Jas. 1: 22.

Be ye holy. 1 Pet. 1: 16.

Sober and prayerful. 1 Pet. 4: 7.

Faithful unto death. Rev. 2: 10.

Rev. J. H. Sammis.

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REDEMPTION.

The Redeemer. Holy One of Israel, Isaiah 43: 14.

How He redeems. By the Blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1: 18. Clean taking the unclean's place, Exodus 13: 13.

What He redeems from. Guilt of sin.

Ephesians 1: 7. From the law, Galatians

4: 6. From the hand of the mighty

(Satan), Job 6: 23. From destruction,

Psalm 103: 4. From all iniquity, Titus

2: 14. From death and grave, Hosea 13: 14.

Employment of the Redeemed. Speaking of

the mercy of God, Psalm 107: 2. Walk in

the highway of holiness, Isaiah 35: 9. Sing-

ing to the Lord, Isaiah 51: 11. Making

most of every moment, Ephesians 5: 16.

Praising the Lamb throughout eternity

Revelation 5: 9.

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POWER OF GOD'S WORD.

1st.—It convicts of sin. Rom. 3: 20.

2nd.—It converts the soul. Ps. 19: 7.

3rd.—It produces faith. Rom. 10: 17.

4th.—It gives assurance. 1 Jno. 5: 13.

5th.—It cleanses the life. Ps. 119: 9.

6th.—It builds up. Acts 20: 32.

7th.—It gives joy and peace. Rom. 15: 13.

The Word becomes our weapon in Chris-

tian warfare. Eph. 6: 17.

Christ used it when tempted by the Devil.

Matt. 4: 1-11. Jesus said, "It is written.

He drew the sword.

It is God's word, not ours. Isa. 55: 11.

Notice how it operates, Jer. 23: 29.

It stops the mouth of the one who would

antagonize, Tit. 1: 9.

H. F. S.

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NEW BIRTH (BIBLE VERSION).

It is called a new creation—2 Corinthians

5: 17; Galatians 6: 15; Ephesians 2: 10.

It is termed newness of life—Romans 6: 4.

It is a spiritual resurrection—Romans 6

4: 6; Ephesians 2: 1, 5; Colossians 2: 12.

Ezekiel, by the Holy Spirit, calls it a new

heart—Ezek. 36: 26.

As a new spirit—Ezekiel 11: 19; Roman

7: 6.

As the inward man—Romans 7: 22; 2 Cor

4: 16.

It is the partaking of the divine nature—

2 Peter 1: 4.

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DECEITFULNESS OF GEHAZI.

2 Kings 5: 15-27.

1. Temptation. Overhearing and listen-

brought covetousness.

2. Sin. Covetousness brought desire. De-

sire takes action.

3. Punishment. One sin leads to another.

Ill-gotten gains end in curse. Temporal gain

but physical death.

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RAHAB.

Heb. 11: 31.

1. Her character. A sinner.

2. Her warning. Spies sent.

3. Her faith. Believed the warning.

4. Her work. Saved her house.

5. Her hope. Red cord.

6. Her reward. Matt. 1: 5.

Walter Veazie.

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CONSECRATION

As taught and illustrated in Matt. 19: 16-26.
Command addressed to one not under condemnation of guilt, vs. 17-18.

Consecration distinguished from repentance in that it is enjoined of believers and not unsaved. Rom. 12: 1.

Therefore not an exhortation to renounce sins, but to devote possessions and self. "That thou hast."

Of the nature of an investment. "Thou shalt have treasure in Heaven."

And of a life service. "Follow me." A call to the ministry.

Necessary to perfection. "If thou wilt be perfect, go sell."

This perfection proffered was three fold:

1. A perfect satisfaction of that sense of lack.
2. A perfect adjustment to life's mission.
3. A perfect hope of eternal life. That is, perfect adjustment in the inner life, to the outer life, and for the future life.

Earth's needy ones are Heaven's repositories for consecrated offerings. "Give to the poor."

Worldly treasures are in the way of consecration. "He went away sorrowful."

Consecration requires divine aid. "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Rev. Joseph Smith.

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ALMOND BUDS AND BLESSINGS.

The Bible abounds with symbols and similes. The Almond Tree with its Buds, Flowers, and Fruits, is perhaps one of the most striking of these spiritual emblems of life in its different aspects.

1. The Almond Tree. An emblem of passing life. Nature. Eccles. 12: 5; James 4: 14.
2. The Almond Rod. Type of Resurrection life. Grace. Num. 17: 8; John 12: 24.
3. The Almond Flower. Mark of Spiritual life. Testimony. Ex. 25: 33; Phil. 2: 15, 16.
4. The Almond Fruit. Token of useful life. Service. Gen. 43: 11; 2 Cor. 9: 8.
5. The Almond Branch. Picture of doomed life. Warning. Jer. 1: 11; Acts 13: 40, 41.

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REVIVAL WORK.

"O Lord, revive Thy work."—Hab. 3: 2.
Revival consists in quickening of believers.

Revival awakens the Church to the sense of its duty and mission.

Revival reveals the necessity, and calls out the strength of the Church.

Existence of the Church depends upon revivals for recruits and members.

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REPRESENTATION OF HEAVEN.

As a kingdom. Matt. 18: 1-4.

As a city. Rev. 22: 2-5.

As a home. John 14: 2; Eph. 3: 15.

As a rest. Heb. 4: 9; Rev. 14: 13.

As an inheritance. Col. 1: 12; 1 Pet. 1: 3-5.

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE.

1. Read consecutively.
2. Use references.
3. Be more careful to read a few verses deeply than to skim two or three chapters.
4. Be thankful if the morning and evening study crystallizes about some theme.
5. Have your pen at hand, that you may note such references as occur to you in the margin, and that you may be able to indicate any passage which has shone out like a star to your soul.

We should never open our Bibles without first lifting up our hearts to the gracious Spirit, by whose inspiration and movement holy men were led to write.

Two good rules for each morning, to finish with: Never speak to man till you have spoken to God; never read a line of man's books till you have read God's book.

F. B. Meyer.

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NOW. NOW. NOW.

2 Cor. 6: 2.

The Lord puts His special notice word in this verse, Behold, to show us the importance of the message.

The greatest word in the Bible is God; the sweetest, Love; the tenderest, Come; the longest, Eternity; and the shortest, Now. Yet what momentous issues depend upon the proper use of the present moment, Now or Never.

1. Now is God's Time—for Mercy. Luke 14: 17.
2. Now is a Good Time—for Salvation. 2 Kings 7: 9.
3. Now is the Right Time—for Watchfulness. Rom. 13: 11.
4. Now is the Best Time—for Acceptance. 2 Cor. 6: 2.
5. Now is the Only Time—for Blessing. Luke 19: 42.

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A MISSIONARY GOSPEL.

The first message at the birth of Christ was a missionary message, Luke 2: 10.

The first disciple, Andrew, was the first missionary, John 1: 41.

The first prayer Christ taught men was a missionary prayer, Matthew 6: 10.

The first message of the risen Lord was a missionary message, John 20: 17.

The first command to His disciples was a missionary command, John 20: 21.

The first apostolic sermon was a missionary sermon, Acts 2: 17.

Christ's great reason for Christian love was a missionary reason, John 13: 35.

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ACTION.

1 Samuel 2: 3.

We should act carefully. What must we do?

- A. Ask the Lord's mind. Prov. 2: 6.
- C. Consult the guide book. Isa. 34: 16. Ps. 73: 24.
- T. Tread in the right path. Jer. 6: 16.
- I. Idleness and sin avoid. Eccl. 10: 18.
- O. Offer your gifts to God. Rom. 12: 1; Heb. 13: 15.
- N. Never forget His love. Ps. 103: 2.

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PRAYER.

- 1st.—The attitude of God. 1 Pet. 3: 12. God looking and listening.
- 2nd.—God's invitation. Ps. 50: 15; Matt. 7: 7-8.
- 3rd.—Illustrations encouraging us to call upon God. Ps. 99: 6; Moses and Aaron. Jas. 5: 17; Elias.
- 4th.—Reasons why prayers are not answered.
 1. Selfishness. Jas. 4: 3.
 2. Regard for sin. Ps. 66: 18; Isa. 59: 2.
 3. Unforgiveness. Matt. 5: 23-24.
- 5th.—Conditions of true prayer.
 1. Putting away sin. Ps. 26: 6.
 2. Doing our duty. 1 John 3: 22.
 3. Abiding in Christ. Jno. 15: 7.

Christ uses the vine and its branches to illustrate what he meant.

 4. Faith. Mark 11: 24; Jas. 1: 5-7.
 5. Guided by the Spirit. Rom. 8: 26-27.
 6. With confidence and boldness. Heb. 4: 16.

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A REAL HERO.

Dan. 1.

Daniel probably an orphan, captive boy.
 Battles he fought with pride, purposed in his heart, stood alone, taste.
 Abstained from the king's tables and its dainties.

He spoke out boldly, made enemies.
 Victory he gained. Clear conscience, undefiled body.

His faith strengthened and saved his three companions. These four eventually took foremost positions in state.

Remember, he who would fight for God and man must conquer self.

Do the right and look above.

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HOLY SPIRIT, EMBLEMS OF.

Water, John 7: 37, 39. Cleansing, refreshing, freely given.

Fire, Acts 2: 2, 4; Matthew 3: 11. Purifying, warming, illuminating.

Wind, John 3: 8. Powerful, reviving.

Oil, Isaiah 61: 1; Luke 4: 18. Healing, comforting.

Rain and Dew, Deuteronomy 32: 1, 3; Micah 5: 7. Fertilizing, refreshing, abundant.

Dove, Luke 3: 22. Gentle, meek, forgiving.

A Voice, 1 Kings 19: 12, 13; Isaiah 30: 21. Teaching, guiding, warning.

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HOPE.

Hope is found to be—

1. Twin sister to faith. 1 Cor. 13: 13.
2. The Pilgrim's staff. Heb. 11: 13-14.
3. The anchor of the soul. Heb. 6: 19.
4. The key to open Doubting Castle. Heb. 10: 23.
5. The Christian's helmet. 1 Thess. 5: 8.
6. The Christian's anticipation. 1 John 3: 2-3.
7. The great holdfast of life. 1 Pet. 1: 13.

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FOOLS.

Luke 24: 25.

1. Slow in heart faith.
2. Slow in heart loyalty.
3. Slow in heart perception.
4. Slow in heart testimony.

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TEMPTATION.

Christian life is a warfare—Three great enemies, the world, the flesh and the devil.

James 1: 2, 12. These verses show that temptation may be made a blessing.

1 Pet. 1: 6, 7. The cutting of the diamond gives sparkle, the burnishing of the gold, gives luster.

How to overcome?

By looking to Christ. 1 Cor. 10: 13, 2 Pet. 2: 9.

Christ having been tempted knows how to deliver. Heb. 2: 18, 4: 15.

The indwelling Word helps us. Rev. 3: 10.

Giving a testimony when tempted, helps us. Rev. 12: 11.

All are subject to temptation, therefore there is need of prayer and watchfulness.

Gal. 6: 1. Matt. 26: 41.

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THY WORD.

Psalms 119: 130.

Would you be happy? Read the Word, Psalm 119: 162; Jeremiah 15: 16; John 15: 11.

Would you be wise? Read the Word, Proverbs 1: 1, 7; 1 Corinthians 2: 1, 16; Colossians 1: 9.

Would you be fruitful? Read the Word, Galatians 5: 22, 23; Luke 8: 11, 15; Romans 10: 17.

Would you be holy? Read the Word, Psalm 119: 9, 11; Ephesians 5: 26, 27; John 15: 3.

Would you be a successful servant? Read the Word, Joshua 1: 7, 8; 2 Timothy 2: 15; Hebrews 4: 12.

Would you be saved and have eternal life? Read the Word, Luke 16: 22, 31; Acts 11: 14; 1 Peter 1: 23, 25.

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LADDER OF LIFE.

2 Peter 1: 5, 7.

Faith, Ezra 7: 11, 28.

Virtue (Courage) Joshua 1.

Knowledge, 1 Kings 3: 5, 13; 1 Kings 6: 39.

Temperance, Daniel 1.

Patience, 1 Peter 4.

Godliness, Ephesians 4.

Brotherly Kindness, Genesis 14: 1, 15; Psalm 133; Acts 4: 31, 37.

Charity, Matthew 5: 38, 48; Romans 14; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4: 7.

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RICHES.

Vanity and uncertainty.—Matt. 6: 19.

Riches, dangers of.—Jas. 2: 6, 7.

Riches, fate of ill-gotten. Job 20: 15.

Riches, should be acquired by honest toil.—Prov. 10: 4.

Riches, if well used, a blessing.—Luke 16: 9.

What are true riches?—Luke 12: 33.

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INTEMPERANCE AND THE BIBLE.

Cause.—Gen. 3: 6; Num. 6: 3; Gen. 9: 20-25.

Prohibition.—Prov. 23: 31, 32; Eph. 5: 18; Isa. 5: 22.

Abstinence.—1 Thes. 5: 22; Rom. 14: 21; Exod. 12: 19; 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

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SAILING TO GLORY.

Life is a voyage; the world is like a sea; salvation in Jesus is a ship of safety; and Heaven is the happy shore where we want to land; but we require a number of good things to ensure a safe and happy passage. Let us see what they are. Besides the anchor, which is sure and steadfast, we must have—

1. A Captain who is wise. Jesus. Heb. 2: 10; Josh. 5: 14, 15. He is wise, 1 Cor. 1: 24, 30; able, Heb. 7: 25; and experienced, Heb. 13: 8.
2. A Chart that is safe. Bible. Ps. 119: 9, 105. It is clear, Ps. 119: 130; sure, Ps. 19: 7; and perfect, Ps. 19: 7, 8.
3. A Compass which is true. The Holy Spirit. John 16: 13. He marks the path, John 14: 26; points to Christ, John 16: 14; and guides the ship, John 2: 20.
4. A Cable that is strong. Faith. Heb. 11: 1; Rom. 1: 17. Faith saves, Eph. 2: 8; keeps, 1 Peter 1: 5.
5. A Crew who are capable. Teachers. 2 Tim. 2: 15; Eph. 4: 11, 12. Teaching carefully, 1 Tim. 1: 3; continually, Acts 5: 42; and capably, 2 Tim. 2: 2.
6. A Company who are happy. Christians. Acts 2: 46, 47. Saved by grace, Acts 11: 23, 24; seeking a better country, Heb. 11: 13, 14; and singing God's praises, Eph. 5: 19; Col. 3: 16.

The best place to get the tickets for this wonderful voyage is the Sunday School; the time is now; the price is "without money."

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A CHURCH THAT IS BUSY.

Ezra 3: 1, 4.

A model for a working church is furnished by the returned Hebrews rebuilding the walls of temple and city.

All at work. Had a mind to work, Nehemiah.

All working in unison. "As one man." A massed force is a winning force.

All working obediently. "As it is written in the law." Christian activity not a sentiment but a duty.

All working unceasingly. "As the day required." The daily performance of Christian duty leaves no arrears or regrets.

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TEN ELEMENTS OF PRAYER.

Adoration—Ps. 95: 6; Dan. 6: 10.

Confession—Ps. 32: 5; Dan. 9: 4.

Restitution—Luke 19: 8; Lev. 6: 2-5.

Unity—John 17: 11, 21.

Faith—Mark 11: 24; Matt. 21: 22.

Perseverance—Gen. 32: 26; James 5: 17.

Petition—1 John 5: 14, 15; Num. 27: 5.

Submission—Luke 22: 42.

Willingness to give—Mal. 3: 10; 1 Cor. 16:

1; Mal. 3: 8.

Thanksgiving—Phil. 4: 6.

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LITTLE PICTURES.

Matt. 18th Chapter.

1. A picture of Salvation, vs. 1, 4.
2. A picture of Sympathy, v. 5.
3. A picture of Service, v. 10.
4. A picture of Security, v. 14.

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CLOSET PRAYER.

God has ordained that we should ask for what we need in public, in the family, and in the closet. Matt. 6: 6. Closet prayer we believe is given to meet a special need of the soul. The Roman Catholic Church, seeing this need, has invented the institution called the Confessional, but the Protestant Church believes we can go direct to God through Christ, 1 Tim. 2: 5. We can find a closet anywhere. 1 Tim. 2: 8. If God wills that we pray "everywhere," then we can find a closet anywhere.

Notice some closets used:

Abraham, by his altar, Gen. 12: 8.

Isaac, out in the field, Gen. 24: 63.

Jacob, at the river, Gen. 32: 24-6.

Moses, on the mountain, Ex. 3: 1-4.

Peter, on the house top, Acts 10: 9.

Jesus, in the mountain, Lu. 6: 6.

These Bible characters not only had places, but regular times for prayer. Ps. 55: 7; Dan. 6: 10.

Closet prayer is essential to growth in grace and usefulness in Christian work. Isa. 40: 31.

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GOLDEN TRUTHS.

1. Golden Girdle—Perfect truth. Rev. 1: 13.
2. Golden Sceptre—Timely grace. Esther 5: 2.
3. Golden Pipes—Present blessing. Zech. 14: 4.
4. Golden Censor—Presented prayers. Rev. 8: 3.
5. Golden Candlestick—Burning light. Rev. 2: 1.
6. Golden Vessels—Special service. Ezra 6: 5.
7. Golden Crown—Eternal reward. Rev. 14: 4.

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CHRISTIANITY NEEDED TODAY.

Luke 4: 18.

It is the Christianity of Christ as given in the text.

The Christianity that addresses itself to the neglected classes. "To preach the gospel to the poor."

The Christianity of Comfort. "To bind up the broken hearted."

The Christianity that gives hope to the enslaved. "To preach deliverance to the captive."

The Christianity of Light. "The recovery of sight to the blind."

The Christianity of Hope. "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

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THE BASKET OF FRUIT.

Amos 8: 1.

There are two kinds of fruit in life, the fruit of sin and the fruit of grace. Rom. 6: 21, 22.

There is a season for the perfecting of these fruits. Now. Luke 13: 7.

There is a ripening of this fruit, both bad and good. Luke 8: 14, 15.

There will be gathering soon, some for destruction, and some for glory. Matt. 13: 39.

PAUL'S STATUS AND OURS.

1 Corinthians 15: 10.

Introduction—A piece of Paul's autobiography. The text the touchstone of his character.

1. Transpose to past tense, "I am not what I was," embodying the language of sorrow as to the past.

2. The text taken literally, is the present tense—"I am what I am," the language of thankfulness. Consider Paul as a disciple of Christ merely; then as the apostle of Christ; and also as a missionary to the Gentiles.

3. Transpose the text to future tense—"I am not what I shall be," the language of confidence.

4. The grace of God, what is it? It is God in Christ revealed to our consciousness.

Applying to young people show (1) Paul's intellectual powers, in an intellectual age. (2) His spiritual power, and urge home—why not in their case also?

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BIBLE PITCHERS.

Pitchers are associated with service, they will illustrate the different kinds of service.

1. Earthen Pitchers (Lam. 4: 2). Unfit for service. Shows our weakness.

2. Empty Pitchers (Judges 7: 16). Fitted for service. Our fitness by grace.

3. Broken Pitchers (Judges 7: 19). Ready for service. Our submission.

4. Service Pitchers (Gen. 24: 45-6). Willing for service.

5. Water Pitchers (Mark. 14: 13-14). Used in service.

Note that common things like pitchers are links in God's purposes, and illustrative of the humble instruments used by God. 2 Cor. 4: 7.

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BIBLE PILLARS.

Pillars are emblems of strength, support, and permanent power.

Bible pillars tell us of divine love, strength, and truth.

1. Pillar of Memorial—Blessing. Gen. 28: 18.

2. Pillar of Cloud—Guidance. Ex. 33: 9.

3. Pillar of Strength—Stability. 1 Kings 7: 21.

4. Pillars of Truth—Testimony. Gal. 2: 9.

5. Pillar of Salt—Warning. Gen. 19: 26.

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FEAR OF NATURAL DEATH.

1 Cor. 15: 55-57.

Physical weaknesses. Matt. 8: 17.

Sorrows. Rev. 21: 4.

Care. 1 Pet. 5: 7.

Worrying and fretting. Isa. 26: 3.

Ignorance. Jas. 1: 5.

False doctrines. Jno. 7: 17.

Forgetfulness. Jno. 14: 26.

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CHRIST THE ROCK.

Salvation. Acts 4: 11, 12.

Foundation. Matt. 7: 24, 25.

Refuge. Psal. 27: 1-5.

Shelter. Job 24: 8.

Strength. Psal. 31: 2, 3.

Rest. Heb. 4: 3.

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BIBLE TOWERS.

Sin exposes us to danger, but Christ is a tower to defend us, and in Him we find safety. Prov. 18: 10.

1. A Warning Tower, to avoid. Gen. 11: 4. We will call this Tower Self-will.

2. A Wonderful Tower, to enter. Prov. 18: 10. We will call this Tower Salvation.

3. A Welcome Tower, to enjoy. 2 Samuel 22: 3. We will call this Tower Protection.

4. A Witness Tower, to glory in. Psalm 18: 2, and 144: 2. "The Lord is my rock." We will call this Tower Testimony.

5. A Watch Tower, to use. Hab. 2: 1. "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower." We will call this Tower Hope.

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WHAT SIN CAN DO FOR A MAN.

Sin robs a man of peace. Trouble was unknown to our first parents until sin came in to destroy their peace. Men living in sin have no peace, Romans 3: 17.

Sin shuts man out from God. He was cut off from fellowship with the Creator, Genesis 3: 6.

Sin makes a coward of a man, Proverbs 23: 1.

Sin makes a man a tool for Satan, to lead others to destruction. Many Bible instances of this.

It makes him a transgressor of the law for sin is lawlessness. 1 John 3: 4.

He is helpless to deliver himself from the bondage of sin. Rom. 5: 6. The wages or fruitage of sin is death. Rom. 6: 23.

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CHRISTIAN'S CALLING, THE.

Response to this call involves change. Four aspects of change.

In Position. Into life, into light, 1 Cor. 2: 14. Into liberty, Gal. 5: 13. Into loneliness, Isa. 51: 2. Compensation, 1 Cor. 1: 9.

In Profession. To sonship. John 1: 12; 1 John 3: 1, 2. In saintship, 1 Cor. 1: 2. To service, Rom. 6: 22.

In Practice. Called to Peace, Col. 3: 15. Purity, 1 Thess. 4: 7. Patience, 1 Peter 1: 21.

In Prospect, 1 Thess. 2: 12; 2 Peter 3: 13. A glorious calling, Eph. 4: 4.

Have you heard the call? and obeyed?

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PREACHING.

1 Cor. 2: 2.

Preach the cross in a crucified style.

Preach Christ in a Christly manner.

Preach most solemnly, yet joyfully; meekly, yet courageously.

Preach simply, yet with instruction.

His preaching a wonderful mixture of devotion.

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FEAR NOTS OF THE BIBLE.

Isa. 43: 1; Isa. 51: 11; Heb. 12: 28; Ex. 20: 20; Isa. 12: 2; Hag. 2: 5; Mal. 2: 6; Matt. 10: 20; Rev. 1: 17.

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HELL.

The subject has always afforded material for discussion, but we ask, what does God's word say?

1. Are any to be excluded from God's presence? Matt. 7: 13-14, 21-23; 22: 11-14; Luke 13: 28-29; 14: 16-24; John 8: 21.

2. Who are to be excluded? The wicked, vs. 9: 17. Those who offend, Matt. 18: 41; those not born of God. Jno. 3: 3. Those who live for self, Luke 16: 19-21; Unbelievers, Jno. 8: 12.

3. Those whose names are not found in the book of life. Rev. 20: 15.

3. Where are the "excluded" to be? In hell, Matt. 10: 28; 23: 33; Mark 9: 43-48. In furnace of fire, Matt. 13: 41-42. A lake of fire, Rev. 20: 15. The bottomless pit, Rev. 9: 1.

4. How long is this separation? Everlasting. Matt. 25: 46. Some say everlasting does not mean as long as eternity. Here are even verses, having this word, and whatever its length may be in one case, such is it in all. Gen. 21: 33, God. Isa. 9: 6, Father. 1 Cor. 13: 3, Love. Jno. 3: 16, Life. Matt. 25: 46, Punishment. Matt. 18: 8, Fire. Isa. 33: 14, Earnings.

5. What will be the condition of the damned? Damned, Mark 16: 16. No rest, Rev. 14: 11. Wailing, Matt. 13: 41-2. Tormented, Luke 16: 24. In their filth, Rev. 22: 11.

6. No encouragement of a second opportunity to be saved. Matt. 12: 32, Mark 14: 21, Luke 16: 25-26. H. F. S.

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ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK.

Luke 11: 1, 13.

Luke especially teaches about prayer in the Gospel, 9: 29; 22: 32.

Prayer should be in simple words. Christ gives a copy, see verses 2, 3, 4. A model prayer.

Prayer should first seek God's glory. First three clauses of the Lord's prayer seek God's glory, the last four, the good of mankind.

Prayer should be full of desire, and importunate, verses 5 to 10.

Prayer must be close and confident, verses 11, 12. As a child asks of a father, see verse 13. Learn that you may use a form of prayer and pray aright.

You may pray without form, and even knocking will reach God's ear.

You will never get a bad gift whether you ask for it or not, verse 11.

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CUPS OF SCRIPTURE.

The Cup of Suffering. Matt. 26: 29. Bitterness.

The Cup of Salvation. Ps. 116: 13. Blessedness.

The Cup of Service. Matt. 10: 42. Benevolence.

The Cup of Solace. 1 Cor. 11: 26. Blessing.

The Cup of Sorrow. Ps. 11: 6; Rev. 16: 19.

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PSALM 84: 11.

Grace—Past.

Good thing—Present.

Glory—Future.

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A SWARM OF HONEY B'S WITHOUT STINGS.

There is an interesting swarm of B's in the Epistles of Peter, and if we will open our hearts and make room for them, the Holy Spirit will make them swarm in our souls, and they will fill our lives with the sweet honey of grace and goodness. Let us note them:

1. Be sober in mind. 1 Peter 1: 13.
2. Be holy in character. 1 Peter 1: 15, 16.
3. Be pitiful in spirit. 1 Peter 3: 8.
4. Be courteous in manner. 1 Peter 3: 8.
5. Be imitators in life. 1 Peter 3: 13.
6. Be ready in testimony. 1 Peter 3: 15.
7. Be watchful in prayer. 1 Peter 4: 7.
8. Be humble in soul. 1 Peter 5: 8.
9. Be vigilant in watchfulness. 1 Peter 5: 8.
10. Be diligent in service. 2 Peter 3: 14.

One writer calls the Honey Bees "Traveling bagmen in the sweetmeat line," another describes them as singing masons, skilful mechanics, and model workers.

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SECRETS FOR SAINTS.

There are three Secrets we should know:

1. The Secret of a Happy Life.—OBEDIENCE.
2. The Secret of Useful Service.—JOY.
3. The Secret of Real Fruit-bearing.—ABIDING.

There are three precious keys to these blessings. "If ye know (John 13: 17), "If ye be willing" (Is. 1: 19), and "If ye do" (John 15: 14).

Source of Joy—Jesus; measure of Joy—full; Duration of Joy—remains.

Fruit is the necessity of grace (John 15: 2); Fruit is the manifestation of character (Matt. 12: 33); Fruit is the result of abundance of life (John 10: 10); and Fruit is the object of the Master's search (Luke 13: 17).

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THE LIVING STONE.

Isaiah 28: 16, 17.

1. The Selected Stone. To Save us. 1 Peter 2: 4.
2. The Foundation Stone. To Bear us. 1 Cor. 3: 11.
3. The Tried Stone. To Hold us. 1 Peter 2: 6.
4. The Corner Stone. To Unite us. Eph. 2: 20.
5. The Sure Stone. To Keep us. 1 Peter 2: 5.
6. The Testing Stone. To Try us. 1 Peter 2: 8.
7. The Lasting Stone. To Satisfy us. 1 Peter 2: 7.

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OUR JUSTIFICATION WITH CHRIST AS SHOWN IN COLOSSIANS.

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| 1. Dead | With Him | 2: 20 |
| 2. Buried | " " | 2: 12 |
| 3. Quickened | " " | 2: 13 |
| 4. Raised | " " | 2: 12 |
| 5. Life Hid | " " | 3: 03 |
| 6. Shall Appear | " " | 3: 04 |
| 7. Shall Enjoy the Inheritance | " " | 3: 24 |

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WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

Matthew 27: 22.

Three senses.

1. What have I done with Jesus?
 - (a) Followed afar off? (b) In trouble refused His offer, "Come unto Me," etc. (c) Grown cold in His service.
 2. What am I doing with Jesus?
 - (a) Afraid of acknowledging Him? "Who-soever shall be ashamed of Me, My word," etc. (b) Can't give up everything for Christ? "What shall it profit a man," etc. (c) Postponing the matter? "Boast not thyself of tomorrow," etc.
 3. What shall I do with Jesus?
 - (a) Crucify Him afresh? (b) Wait until I am older? (c) Wait until I see what others do?
- We can't "wash our hands." Think what you will do without Christ, and Pilate's question will soon be answered.

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TRUE SERVICE.

Romans 6: 18, 22.

Characteristics of God's service.

- Loving service—Hosea 11: 4; Exodus 21: 6.
- Whole-hearted service—Matthew 6: 24; Romans 12: 1; Exodus 10: 26.
- All including service—Colossians 3: 23, 24; Matthew 10: 42; Numbers 3: 36; (little things.)
- Holy service—Isaiah 52: 11; Numbers 8: 21, 22.
- Joyous service—Psalm 100: 2; Isaiah 65: 14.
- Satisfied service—Isaiah 65: 22.
- Rewarded service—Hebrews 6: 10; 2 Chronicles 15: 7; 1 Corinthians 3: 14.

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"THE CHILD SAMUEL."

He was—

1. A Progressive Child.
"Samuel grew"—"Grew on"—"Grew before the Lord." 1 Sam. 2: 21-26; 3: 19.
 2. A Privileged Child.
"The Lord was with him." 1 Sam. 3: 19. Comp. Matt. 28: 20; Heb. 13: 5.
 3. A Powerful Child.
"None of his words fell to the ground." 1 Sam. 3: 19.
 4. A Prosperous Child.
"All Israel knew he was established to be a prophet." 1 Sam. 3: 20.
- James Sprunt.

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BOOKS OPENED.

- "The books were opened." Rev. 20: 12.
- Book of God's providence. All mysteries cleared up.
- Book of God's law, written and unwritten.
- Book of God's remembrance.
- Book of individual memory.
- Book of life. Is our name written there?

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TWO'S IN SCRIPTURE.

- Two masters. Matt. 6: 24.
- Two debtors. Luke 7: 41.
- Two men. Luke 18: 10.
- Two treasures. Matt. 6: 19, 20.
- Two ways. Matt. 7: 13, 14.
- Two opinions. 1 Kings, 18, 21.
- Between two. Phil. 1: 23.

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SOUL WINNERS.

Why should Christians be soul winners?

1. Because they may be. By a happy and consistent life, Psalm 40: 3; 1 Peter 3: 16. By direct teaching, Psalm 51: 13. Wisdom is essential, Proverbs 11: 30. Can be had, James 1: 5.
2. Because such become fathers of the excellent of the earth, 1 Corinthians 4: 15; Psalm 16: 3.
3. Because it is the greatest and best work. To save life, James 5: 20.
4. Because it pays well. Each soul won is a jewel, Malachi 3: 17. Worth more than the world, Matt. 16: 26.
5. Because with perseverance success is certain, Gal. 6: 9; John 15: 16; Mark 9: 23.
6. Because it is the most Christ-like work, Matthew 9: 13; Luke 19: 10; Acts 10: 38; John 17: 18; Eph. 5: 1, 2.

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BOOKS.

The Bible is the Book of Books.

It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

It is given us in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and will be remembered for ever.

But there are many books through which God speaks to us.

1. The Book of Pictures. Creation. Ps. 19: 1, 5.
2. The Book of Mercies. Providence. Ps. 107: 1; Rom. 2: 4; Ps. 37: 25.
3. The Book of Stories. Bible. John 5: 39; Luke 24: 44.
4. The Book of Days. Experience. Job 32: 7.
5. The Book of Salvation. Book of Life. Rev. 20: 15.
6. The Book of Accounts. Judgment. Rev. 20: 12.

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THE GOSPEL.

1. Its divine source—Grace. Eph. 2: 8; 1 Cor. 8: 9.
2. Its divine foundation—The cross. 2 Cor. 5: 21; Col. 1: 20.
3. Its divine character—Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15: 4.
4. Its divine power—The Holy Spirit. Gal. 2: 20; 2 Cor. 5: 17.
5. Its divine hope—The Lord's return. John 14: 3.

James Sprunt.

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A QUESTION IN FIVE WORDS.

John 5: 6; last clause.

- Wilt—Are you willing? Jno. 6: 37; last clause.
- Thou—Personal. 2 Cor. 5: 10.
- Be made—Resignation. Psal. 49: 6-7.
- Whole—Complete. Mark 10: 52.

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FOUR STEPS IN THE NEW BIRTH.

Ye must be born again. John 3: 5.

1st step—Conviction. John 16: 8, 9.

2d step—Repentance. 2 Cor. 7: 10.

3d step—Faith. John 6: 37.

4th step—Forgiveness. 1 John 7: 9.

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BIBLE BIRDS.

Everything in God's creation has its place and existence for the glory of God, and the instruction of man. Let us hear what the birds say to us.

1. The Raven speaks to us of God's Providence.
The supply of Providence, Job 38: 41; Ps. 147: 9. The mystery of Providence, 1 Kings 17: 1, 6. The God of Providence, Luke 12: 24.
2. The Sparrow speaks to us of Trust.
There are two lessons from the sparrow. Value of life, Matt. 10: 22. Use of little things, Luke 12: 6, 7. All who trust God, He supplies.
3. The Dove speaks of Peace.
The favorite bird in Scripture, a guide to anything gentle and good.
Emblems of peace, Gen. 8: 8, 12. Means of mercy, Lev. 1: 14. Illustrations of safety, Song of Sol. 2: 14. Symbol of the Holy Spirit, John 1: 32. Lesson for the Christian, Matt 10: 16. We need wisdom and simplicity.
4. The Eagle speaks to us of Strength.
It is used to illustrate spiritual things. Strong on the wing, Is. 40: 31. Faith. Strong in the eye, Ezek. 1: 10. Intelligence. Strong in its grip, Prov. 30: 19. Power. Strong in affection, Deut. 32: 11. Love.

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CONDITIONS OF SUCCESSFUL PRAYER.

"Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss" (James 4: 3).

1. Forgiveness of enemies—Mark 11: 24; Colossians 3: 13; Matthew 18: 19, 22; Matthew 5: 23.
2. Confession—Daniel 9: 4, 8; 20, 23.
3. Sincerity—Psalm 66; 18.
4. Faith—Hebrews 11: 6; James 1: 5, 7.
5. Perseverance or importunity—Luke 11: 1, 13.
6. Earnestness—Jeremiah 29: 13.
7. In the name of Jesus—John 14: 13, 14, 15, 16.
8. Dependence on the Holy Spirit—Romans 8: 26; Ephesians 6: 18.

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ACTIVE SERVICE BAND.

Exodus 17: 8, 16.

1. Active Service Band—Selected men (v. 9). Chosen men.
2. Active Service Business Warfare (v. 10). Called to fight.
3. Active Service Battles. By prayer (v. 11-12). Confident in prayer.
4. Active Service Bravery. Standing true (v. 13). Courageous for God.
5. Active Service Banner. Jehovah (v. 14, 15). Conquerors through Faith.

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THREEFOLD SALVATION, A.

2 Corinthians 1: 10.

Past. The atonement on Calvary saves from the curse of the law, 1 Thessalonians 1: 10; Romans 5: 9.

Present. From the dominion of sin, Matthew 1: 21; Romans 6: 14.

Future. From the hindrances of the flesh, Phil. 3: 12; Revelation 3: 4.

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THE DEVIL.

1. Creation and fall. Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2: 4; Luke 10: 18; Isa. 14: 12-14.

2. His personality. Eph. 6: 12. "Spiritual wickedness," is rendered "wicked spirits" in the Revised Version. Matt. 12: 24-26, Christ uses the pronoun "he" when speaking of the Devil. Matt. 25: 41, Fire is not prepared for an abstract principle of evil, but for a person. Jas. 2: 19. An influence does not tremble, but a person may.

3. His power. To deceive, 2 Cor. 11: 14. To hinder, 1 Thess. 2: 18. To take advantage, 2 Cor. 2: 11. To provoke, 1 Chron. 21: 1. To make man lie, Acts 5: 3. To make men swear, Luke 22: 31, 55-57. (Peter swore at this time, see Matt. 26: 74.) To turn men against God, Jno. 13: 2. To destroy, Job 1: 12. To inflict disease, Job 2: 7. Over the elements, Eph. 2: 2. Over death, Heb. 2: 14.

4. His field of operation. In earth, Job 1: 7. Before God, Rev. 12: 10. (Our advocate makes us safe. 1 Jno. 2: 1.)

5. His doom. Rom. 16: 20; Rev. 20: 10.
H. F. S.

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BIBLE POSTS.

There is a great deal of precious truth gathers round the Door Posts of Scripture. Door Posts are places of decision for Salvation and Service, too. The Sprinkled Post means salvation, the Speaking Post means blessing, the Separating Post means service, and the Sacred Post means worship. (Prov. 8: 34.) Fix these Posts in order, so that we may remember them.

1. The Sprinkled Post. Ex. 12: 7. Salvation.
2. The Speaking Post. Deut. 11: 20. Obedience.
3. The Separating Post. Ex. 21: 6. Service.
4. The Shaking Post. Is. 6: 4. Holiness.
5. The Sacred Post. Prov. 8: 34. Blessing.

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PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST.

The ground of our acceptance, Colossians 1: 20; Romans 5: 9; 1 John 3: 10.

The channel of forgiveness, Ephesians 1: 7; 4: 32; Colossians 2: 13.

The means of cleansing, 1 John 1: 7; Hebrews 9: 13, 14; Revelation 7: 14.

The separating power, 1 Peter 1: 17, 19; Hebrews 13: 12, 13.

The secret of overcoming. Revelation 12: 11; 2 Corinthians 4: 10; Galatians 6: 14.

The pledge of blessing, Luke 22: 20; Hebrews 9: 15; Romans 8: 32.

Apprehension needful to spiritual life, John 6: 53, 55.

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THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL.

Luke 4: 8.

The Gospel is glorious in its doctrines, John 3: 16; 14: 15.

It is glorious in its provisions, 1 Timothy 2: 4, 6; Romans 5: 18, 19.

It is glorious in the effects it produces in men and nations.

It is glorious in the prospects it reveals, Micah 4: 2, 4; Revelation 7: 16, 17.

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PRECIOUS THINGS.

1. God's thoughts. Psa. 139: 17.
2. Corner stone. Isa. 28: 16; 1 Pet. 2: 4, 6, 7.
3. Blood of Christ. 1 Pet. 1: 19.
4. Faith. 2 Pet. 1: 1.
5. Trial of faith. 1 Pet. 1: 7.
6. Promises. 2 Pet. 1: 4.
7. Fruit patience. Jas. 5: 7.
8. Death of His saints. Psa. 116: 15.

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HOPE OF THE FUTURE.

- Comfort of the hope. 1 Thess. 4: 16-18.
 Looking for the hope. Tit. 2: 13.
 Sanctifying power of the hope. 1 Jno. 3: 2, 3.
 Reward of the hope. 2 Tim. 4: 8.
 Last promise. Rev. 22: 12-20.
 The Church's reply—"Even so come, Lord

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FAITH.

- By faith we live. Rom. 1: 17.
 By faith we stand. 2 Cor. 1: 24.
 By faith we walk. 2 Cor. 5: 7.
 By faith we fight. 1 Tim. 6: 12.
 By faith we overcome. 1 Jno. 5: 4.
 By faith we are justified. Rom. 3: 28.
 By faith we have access. Rom. 5: 2.

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THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM.

1. Personal presentation. Rom. 12: 1.
2. Provoked patience. 1 Pet. 2: 20.
3. Powerful preaching. 1 Thess. 2: 4.
4. Peculiar path. 1 Thess 4: 1.
5. Precious peace. Phil. 4: 18.
6. Practical prayers. 1 Tim. 11: 3.

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CO-WORKERS WITH GOD.

1 Cor. 3: 9.

Point out difference of working for and with God.

1. His great purpose. Jno. 14: 13.
2. Principle of our work.
3. His plan.
4. Purity of purpose and action. 2 Tim. 2: 20, 21.

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JONAH THE DISCONTENTED.

Jonah 4.

- Jehovah's messenger.
 Obeys unwillingly.
 Nineveh repents.
 Angry at his own success.
 Hears God's reproof.
 He sought his own will (1: 2, 3); way (4: 1); honor (4: 3, 4); comfort (4: 5-11).

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STILL.

- "Stand still." Salvation. Ex. 14: 13.
 "Stand still." Sanctification. Num. 9: 8.
 "Be still." Separation. Psa. 8: 4, 4.
 "Be still." Exaltation. Psa. 46: 10.
 "Sit still." Exclamation. Isa. 30: 7.
 "Peace be still." Pacification. Mark. 4: 39.
 "Still." Damnation. Rev. 22: 2.
 James Sprunt.

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BELIEVERS IN THE SPIRIT.

- "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5: 13.
 "Walk in the Spirit." Gal. 5: 25.
 "Speak in the Spirit." 1 Cor. 12: 3.
 "Worship in the Spirit." Phil 3: 3.
 "Pray in the Spirit." Eph. 6: 18.
 "Love in the Spirit." Col. 1: 8.

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